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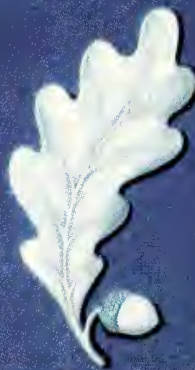
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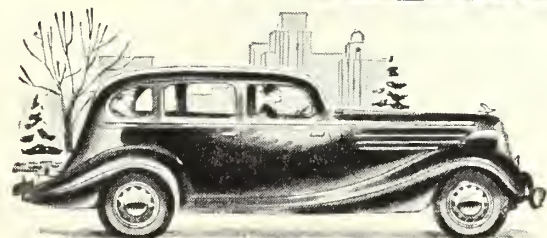
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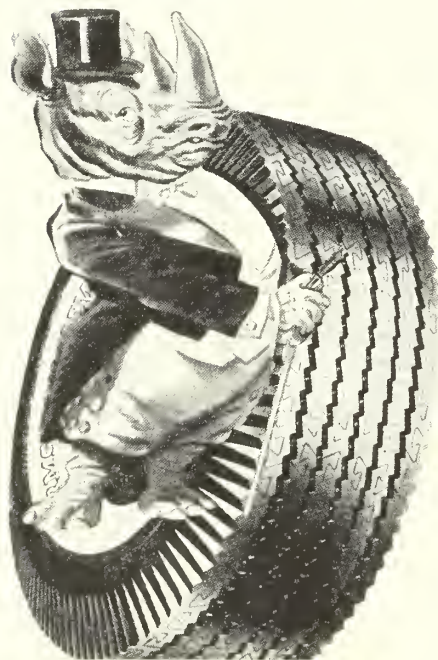
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MISSED THE BOAT

Sir: In my estimation you missed the boat when you passed off Noel W. Williams's request for information as to how they can bring more members out to meetings. To my mind this interesting problem warrants a special department in the magazine, with a special editor. If you could come up with some concrete suggestions on how to bring out the members to meetings you would be doing something really worth while for the good of the Legion.

Pete Reagan
Los Angeles

NEW VERSION

Sir: Please revise the Parting Shots item (February) entitled *On First Beholding the Pentagon*. It should read: Great symbol of strength, a mighty mass, built of steel, trimmed with brass, supported by tax.

D. E. McJunkin
Brownsville, Pa.

CUSTOMER FOR LIMELIGHT

Sir: I like Charlie Chaplin's pictures and I don't care a hoot what his personal political views are. We are supposed to think what we please in this country and I fought for that right. I shall be sure to see Chaplin's latest picture.

Jonathan H. McMurray
Stevens Point, Wisc.

MCCARTHYISM AGAIN

Sir: It is obvious to me that Felix Wittmer, author of *Now Hear This* is looking for a job. He is resorting to McCarthyism tactics to gain notoriety, then he booked as a flag-waving American or a great anti-communist speaker. He mentions my minister as a cunning and determined defender of the Soviet Union. If his teaching and actions are that of a red then the Bible too is communistic.

G. S. Hillier
Quincy, Mass.

WASN'T ANTI-RUSSIAN

Sir: I enclose a clipping from our Quincy *Patriot Ledger* about an article by Felix Wittmer in your February number in which Mr. Bedros Baharian is cited as a communist. I can't allow such an attack to pass unchallenged. Prior to his acceptance of the pastorate of the Quincy Point Congregational Church, what attitude, if any, Mr. Baharian had about communism

I don't know; but I do remember that from 1940 through 1945 anyone taking an anti-Russian-communist attitude in this country would have been labeled pro-German.

Franklin D. Tobin
Quincy, Mass.

▼ Felix Wittmer did not say Mr. Baharian was a communist nor did the *Patriot Ledger* so quote the article. Mr. Tobin is also stretching things when he says that it was necessary to be pro-Russian and pro-communist during World War II. Editors

IT HAPPENED IN GREENWICH

Sir: Thank you for your fine work and especially for the article in the February issue *Now Hear This*. We go along with you one hundred percent, but have you forgotten the Hester McCullough incident in Greenwich, Connecticut, of such a short time ago? The net result of that person's Americanism was the loss of her savings and her health, to a community that had everything to gain by her efforts. Until the Legion itself or in combination with other organizations publicly supports true Americans, by subsidy and legal aid, there isn't much an individual can do when faced with what the valiant Mrs. McCullough endured.

Name withheld
Boston

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Sir: Congratulations on your article in February's edition by Sam Stavisky entitled *50 Tips on Income Taxes*. It saved me \$87.00. However, the true value of the magazine cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Paul J. McCarty
Boston

KEEP INTEREST DOWN

Sir: Please fight any attempt to raise the interest rate on GI mortgages above the present 4 percent. The real estate lobby is advocating a raise. Millions of veterans have 4 percent mortgages, so why should the rest be required to pay a higher rate? That isn't fair. The Veterans Administration is required to make direct home loans when 4 percent mortgage money isn't available. This is a move by the big money lenders to make the "little guy" pay more for his home. Let's fight them.

George T. Miller
Union City, N. J.

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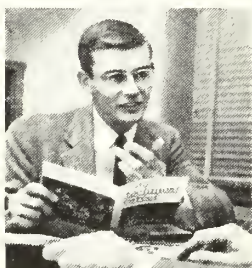
PURDUE UNIVERSITY. Members of the class of '53 look over list of oil company interviewers who'll visit campus during a single month. Oil company representatives search the nation's colleges for seniors who

can qualify for a wide variety of technical and non-technical jobs. To get topflight men and women, each oil company must compete successfully with rival oil companies as well as other industries.

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CORNELL. Civil engineering major Ron Gebhardt is considering pipeline transport and construction — a vital oil industry branch.



MINNESOTA. Geological engineer Ernest Maki chose job after 7 oil company interviews — sees great opportunities for oil geologists.



M. I. T. Bob Oliver with Doctor of Science, has accepted promising job in research and development for a West Coast Oil Company.



OHIO STATE. Commerce major Mary Uehling is looking for personnel job — will join thousands of young women now in oil industry.



SOUTHERN METHODIST. Korean vet Len Donohoe, electrical engineer, wants to work on electronic gear used in oil exploration.



NOTRE DAME. Interested in labor relations, law senior Bill Roche wants oil company career because he feels industry is stable.



GEORGIA TECH. Basketball captain Pete Silas, a chemical engineer, is talking to 18 oil companies about sales engineering job.

MAN HUNT

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SIX MONTHS NOT ENOUGH

Sir: I read with great interest in the issue of December 1952 the article by Major General John M. Devine on Universal Military Training. This article was excellent in presentation, but it seems to me that the advocacy of six months' training under UMT is not sufficient. A year's training would be scarcely sufficient and I do not believe that the Legion should advocate anything less. If the idea is that the general public would accept six months easier than one year, I think we are underestimating the people of the United States. At any rate if a year is necessary, that is what we should advocate.

James R. Beverley
San Juan, P.R.

SNAFU

Sir: It occurs to me that a former dogface can get more gray hairs waiting on the Veterans Administration to process papers than he got in ten months in Korea in a rifle company. My term insurance expired in August 1951 while I was on active duty in Korea and if I was notified of the expiration I sure didn't receive it. On my return to the States in September I started the first of many letters to get the full amount renewed and kept regularly paying premiums. After one year and a half I'm right where I started, still without coverage on my life though I've paid the correct amount to the government. Also though I've received the first dividend I haven't been paid the second three year dividend or the one year one for 1951.

Name withheld
Paradise, Kansas

EGGHEADS

Sir: Eggheads are the left-wing sympathizers and self-styled "liberals" who parrot the clichés originated by the communists, such as "witchhunters," "fascists," "reactionaries," "slave law," "thought control," "imperialists," "war-mongers," "McCarthyism," "McCarranism." Who have nothing to say about anti-Semitic purges in Russia and her satellites, or the mass murders in the Katyn forest but have plenty to say about what is wrong in this country. Who hate ex-communists who have come clean and exposed the red world conspiracy.

G. Edward Lind
Waukegan, Ill.

WANTS CHILD'S PAGE

Sir: Could you have a child's page or section? I have a good author write American hero stories such as we 50-year-olds used to read in our histories. *The Youth's Companion* and other magazines had stories that stirred our hearts and made our country very dear to us. Our children today are not given such stories. Sunday School stories play up tolerance, equality of race, admiration for foreign underprivileged. I'd like to see some patriotic stories for the youth of our Legion homes that can help weld a bloc of tomorrow's citizenry.

Emily B. Magath
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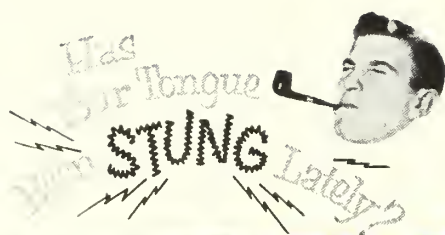
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A THOUSAND TIMES NYET

You have probably asked: "If the comics in this country love Russia so much why don't they go there to live?"

We don't understand it either. The Soviet, as everyone knows, is a heaven on earth. All the people are laughing with happiness. Is no suffering. Is no want. Nothing but playing balalaika, dancing, eating caviar, drinking vodka, with maybe a little joyous work. Even is clean subways for working class people and commissars. And above all is Stalin, great and wise leader, knower of everything, who will live forever. With Stalin as boss, how could Russia be anything but Paradise?

But somehow or other, people don't like to go there, even those who shout the loudest about the glories of the Soviet homeland. For some perverse reason they'd rather suffer in this capitalist hell, trafficking in Wall Street-type dollars and imperialist goods.

A good example of such martyrs can be found in the thirteen second-string communist leaders recently found guilty after a long and expensive trial in New York. At the sentencing, Judge Dimock gave them a choice of going to jail or being deported to the glorious Soviet Union. Did they elect to go to Stalinland?

You should ask!

FROM THE BANKS OF THE BRONX

That well-known citadel of "liberalism," Sarah Lawrence College of Yonkers, N. Y., is about to drop a literary bombshell on the world. The inmates of this high-priced ladies' seminary are soon to bring out a magazine which is to serve as a sounding board for college students nationally. However, editorial headquarters will be at the school located on the banks of the old Bronx River.

In view of the reputation of Sarah Lawrence and some of the people who adorn its faculty, we were not surprised to learn that the first issue of the ladies' journal will devote itself to "academic freedom." That, you know, is the pungent perfume that self-anointed "liberals" squirt around when things start to smell bad.

We'll hazard a guess that the next issue will concern "civil liberties," and following that the gals ought to get around to a rousing good "peace offensive." If they don't know the ropes, some of their profs can coach them.

THESE FOGGY TIMES

Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the *New York Times*, delivered a speech on January 14th in which he deplored attacks on the press. In the course of his talk he said:

"Our book reviews have had a particularly difficult time because of the too-general assumption that any anti-communist book is automatically a good book."

Mr. Sulzberger oversimplifies. If you want proof, we refer you to the article to which he objects, *Why You Buy Books That Sell Communism*, published in this magazine in January 1951. Reprints are still available in case you missed it.

The point of the article was that both the *Times* and the *New York Herald Tribune* had a way of going all-out for the books of notorious commies and pro-commies, while ignoring or giving the axe to anti-communist books. Naturally, Mr. Sulzberger does not like those things mentioned, and anyway nice people don't talk about the *Times* in such disrespectful tones. Showing what he thinks of this sort of thing, Mr. Sulzberger thundered:

"There has been dropped upon utterance and thought a smoke screen of intimidation that dims essential thought and begets a fog through which we wander uncertainly."

We're sorry that Mr. Sulzberger is wandering about in a fog, but we don't intend to get lost in it with him. Just so long as the *Times* takes certain well-known tacks we feel free to comment on what it is doing. That, we submit, represents the duty of a truly free press.

SMALL, COZY WORLD

Mr. Sulzberger's speech reminds us that the *Freeman* last December carried an interesting article about Germany, by Freda Utley. One paragraph is worth your attention:

"However, the spirit of 1945 would still seem to inspire the U. S. High Commissioner's Office of Public Affairs, presided over until July 21, 1952 by Mr. Shepherd Stone. Until he came to Germany to "teach Democracy" Mr. Stone was assistant to Lester Markel, editor of the *New York Times* Sunday edition, whose book supplement used to give so much aid and comfort to the Chinese communist lobby in America. It is therefore hardly surprising that the *Amerika Haus* libraries, paid for by the U. S. taxpayer but controlled until recently by Mr. Stone and his assistant, Patricia van Delden, contain many books favoring Soviet Russia and extolling the Chinese communists, and few anti-communist writings."

We understand that Mr. Shepherd Stone is now on the payroll of the Ford Foundation. Another Ford Foundation big wheel is his erstwhile boss, Lester Markel. We're not sure whether the *Times* or the Ford job is Markel's full-time occupation.

THROUGH AGNES'S HAT

It could be that Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, whose husband publishes the *Washington Post*, gets that way from reading her hubby's paper, but the lady has an awkward way of going off the deep end when she makes a speech.

On February 17th at Atlantic City, Mrs. Meyer gave a performance for the benefit of various school organizations. The subject, in case you can't guess, was "academic freedom." According to Ben Fine, who used to be assistant tub-thumper or press

agent for Teachers College, Columbia University, and is now Education Editor of the *New York Times*, the school teachers are it up. Ben's rave review referred to Mrs. Meyer's remarks as an historical event, and a rallying point for teachers.

Why all the enthusiasm? Well, Mrs. Meyer was taking out after the people who are going to investigate communists and other subversives in education. Her main villains in this case were Senators McCarthy and Jenner and Representative Velde.

Frankly, we can't figure out why educators go for this sort of oratory. The great majority of teachers have nothing to fear from any investigation. Anyone with half a brain knows that teachers as a group are loyal and patriotic. But someone like Mrs. Meyer can get up before a group of educational brass and make it appear as though all teachers are about to be jailed.

The publisher's lady may have an ulterior motive. It is not difficult to recall that the *Washington Post* was an ardent defender of such people as Hiss and Remington. And once the facts were brought out by Senator McCarthy, Senator Nixon, Louis Budenz and others, the *Post* looked pretty silly indeed. Is this one way of getting back at such anti-communists?

Incidentally, the teachers gave Benny of the *Times* an award for his literary achievements. He worked hard for it.

PAGING MR. GLADIOUX

An interesting item appears on page 944 of the *Congressional Record* for February 9th, a talk by Senator Karl Mundt. In it he discussed the things that cause people to become communists, and made the remark that "in 1950, the junior Senator from Nevada (Malone) rose on this floor to suggest that certain persons in the Department of Commerce were dangerous security risks."

He went on to say that a committee was appointed to investigate the charges made by Senator Malone, but, "After 3 or 4 days' hearing Secretary of Commerce Sawyer rushed up to the Hill and agreed to fire the two men whom I had drawn into the net—Lee and Remington—if the hearing could be stopped." Continuing, Senator Mundt said:

"I did not hear that agreement, but I know it was made, because I could never get the committee together again.

"I was really after Mr. Gladioux, secretary to the Secretary of Commerce and Mr. Blaisdell who was and had been during the troublesome period in China in charge of that matter under my attack. They, Mr. Gladioux and Mr. Blaisdell, subsequently quit for reasons best known to themselves—they knew we were on their trail.

"I believe that is why they quit. As to Remington, it was established that he perjured himself when he denied that he was a communist.

"He has now gone to jail for a 3-year term—just as in the case of Alger Hiss—for perjury.

"But as to Mr. Lee, I am unable to find him..."

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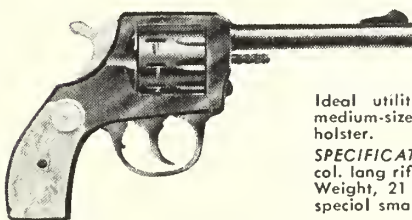


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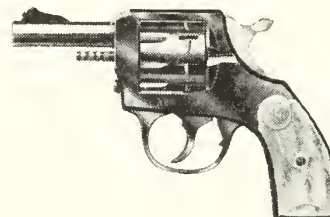
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"You could never without a telephone"

by Ann Loeb

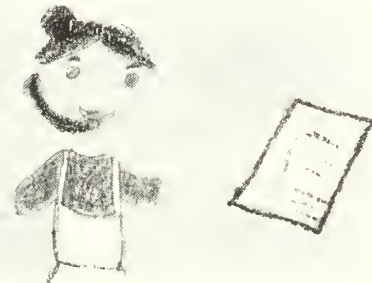
The telephone is used in sending many different messages. Here are some of them:



It helps report fires, floods and that people have fallen into deep water and need a doctor very quickly.



Children use the telephone by inviting other people to parties or other children to come over and play, and it is used in telling each other news.



Housewives use it for calling the grocery store for orders.



Fathers use it in business.

The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. It was born June 2, 1875.

You could never without a telephone — and use manners if you are listening or talking.

The telephone is one of our great friends today so take care of it.

The End



When Ann Loeb wrote this third-grade theme in her school in Ottawa, Illinois, she had no idea her father would send it to the telephone company. Not a word has been changed. The handwriting is Ann's. So are the pictures, which she drew later at our request.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



PRODUCTS PARADE



A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an indorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

HI-FI FOR ALL

Music enthusiasts who have a good record player which they'd like to bring into the high-fidelity class can do so with a new kit being offered by the Pfanstiehl Chemical Co., 104 Lake View Ave., Waukegan, Ill. This consists of a new kind of pickup called a Pfan-Tone, a pre-amplifier and all necessary wiring. By a simple conversion job, which the manufacturers say any person of average ability can do, you come up with equipment that gets the utmost out of any record. Prices range from \$19.75 to \$30.06 depending on what is necessary for the unit you have. Details can be had from the manufacturer.



SUPPLEMENTARY REFRIGERATION

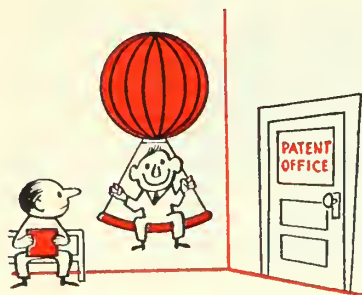
A party wagon with its own refrigerator, which runs on natural or bottled gas, or electricity in 6, 12, 24, 36, 64, 100 and 220 volts, is being offered by Astral Industries of Rockleigh, N. J. The refrigerator with an interior of two cubic feet fits into a three-wheeled wrought iron party wagon which has a serving tray on top. The price is \$159.45 complete. Astral of Rockleigh is also offering other small refrigerators for supplementary use around the house, including attractive console models in mahogany or lined oak, and spinet models.

PLANT PROTECTORS

Gardeners will be interested in a practical way of protecting small plants with Plasti-Plant Hoods, nine-inch hemispheres of clear plastic which are placed over seedlings, cuttings and small plants. Protecting plants from airborne diseases, light frost, hail and small animals they cost \$3.95 for six, postpaid. The manufacturer is the Plasti-Plant Hood Co., P. O. Box 93, Elmhurst, 73, N. Y.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLING

A device now being introduced by the Luthe Corp., 206 W. Washington St., Mil-



waukee, Wisc., makes it possible for you to turn off your hose, or any water line, automatically whenever you wish. Called the Water-Tender, it has a selector dial which you set for a flow of water ranging from 5 minutes to 4 hours. At the end of the time you select, off goes the water. A simple push-button resumes action if you so desire. Guaranteed for a year it sells for \$8.95 postpaid.

KEEPS FOODS FRESH

A simple way of closing up boxes and bags after they've been opened is being offered by Jerrwalt Enterprises, 26 Court St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y. Its product, Lok-It-Fresh, is an aluminum clamp which slides along opened edges of the box or bag "to keep the goodness in," as the copywriters put it. It also keeps dust and other things out. The price for three, in different sizes, is 25¢.

CHECKS DRINKS

A new gadget which instantly checks the alcoholic content of drinks has been announced by Kruse-Rieke, of Auburn, Ind. Called the Whiskometer, it resembles a slightly oversized clinical thermometer (and works something like one). You put it in your drink, draw some of the beverage up into the tube with a small rubber bulb, and then you check the scale to see if you have bonded, 86 proof or highly diluted liquid. The price is \$1.50.



MORE POWER TO YOU

Tiny binoculars of 4 and 6-power, which created a minor sensation when they were introduced a few years ago, now have a companion piece in a remarkable hand-size 10-power binocular just announced by United Products Co., 102 United Bldg., 9043 South Western Ave., Chicago 20. This glass is surprising not only because of its unusual magnification and its small size, but also its small price, \$24.95 plus 20% Federal tax. Attractively finished in chrome, it has coated lenses and comes complete with leather case.

When writing to manufacturers concerning items described here kindly mention that you read about them in The American Legion Magazine.



From where I sit by Joe Marsh

Wrong "Train" of Thought

Most of us knew the streamliner stopped about four miles from town last Thursday morning—but we didn't know *why* . . .

Seems the train was hurrying along, then came the screeching of brakes—some fellow had pulled the Emergency Stop cord.

When the conductor asked him why he did it, he said, "The train was just going too fast—I wanted to get you to slow down."

From where I sit, that streamliner has been going at that speed for the past seven years with a perfect safety record and the passengers have always been pleased. Now—along comes a fellow who wants the train to go at his speed. Some people are like that. Some still would begrudge another person's right to a temperate glass of beer even though that person wouldn't dream of flashing a "Stop" sign on their preference for, say, milk, coffee or tea. Respecting the rights of others is the only way we can all keep "on the right track."

Joe Marsh

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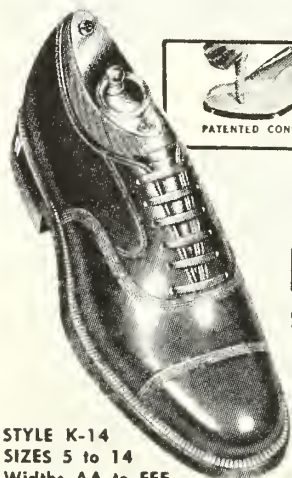


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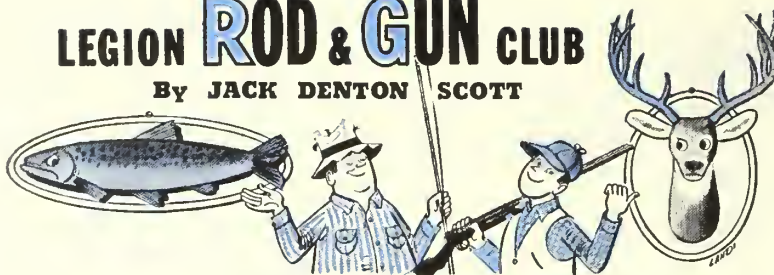
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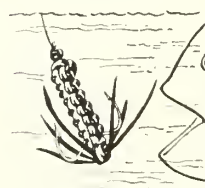
By **JACK DENTON SCOTT**



IF YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING IDEA OR SUGGESTION OUR OUTDOORS EDITOR CAN USE ON THIS PAGE, HE'LL PAY OFF WITH HUNTING AND FISHING ACCESSORIES

Otto Ernest Rayburn, Department Historian of Arkansas, believes in putting history into action. He has collected all types of information on the Ozarks of interest to tourists and sportsmen and offers to help any Legionnaire in planning a vacation or fishing or hunting trip in the Arkansas or Missouri Ozarks. He sends free literature and answers questions from hundreds of prospective visitors each year. No fee is charged but a stamp is appreciated if you want a personal reply. His address is Box 111, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. (Rayburn is the author of the book, *Ozark Country*, of the American Folkways Series, and president of the Arkansas Folklore Society.)

Here's a new one. K. M. Knox of Shreveport, Louisiana, has just invented a flashlight dog collar. Yep, a dog collar that lights up. It is designed for bloodhounds who trail their quarry during the night, for 'coon hunters who want to see where their dogs are, and for police dogs who roam compounds at night, so night watchmen or guards can keep an eye on them. Should be a useful gadget.



same. He has designed over a dozen, and sent along three for us to see. They seem to be made out of rubber and plastic; one looked so much like a cricket that we did a double take when we opened the envelope. See illustration.

In this debilitating machine age, personal inventiveness is to be prized. If any of you have unusual items on hunting or fishing that you have invented and would like us to mention and perhaps illustrate in this column, don't hesitate to send them on. And say, while we're on the subject of sending things on, don't be discouraged if you don't get an answer to your correspondence to this column immediately. The mail is heavy and goes through several hands before it reaches me for answering. But I do the best I can, once I get the letter.

A few months ago, while goose shooting along the Illinois river bottoms with my friend, Leonard Schwartz, Director of Conservation of the state of Illinois, the talk during the drizzle of the day and the ab-

sence of honkers, turned briefly to fishing in the months that lay ahead.

Len Schwartz said, "Do you think weather has any effect on fishing?" I grinned, "I'll take my foot out of that bear trap. That's the question fishermen have been puzzling since old Izaak brought it up back in sixteen hundred. I just don't know."

Then Schwartz told me an interesting story about a little lake in southwestern Illinois, and how remarkably complete records have been kept on the weather and fishing there for many years. Here's the way it went:

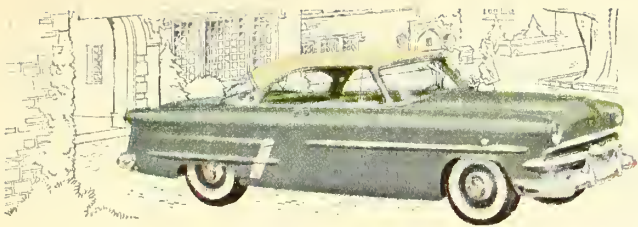
"Rinaker Lake, a 14-acre impoundment near Carlinville, Illinois — about midway between Springfield and St. Louis — has been used for almost fifty years by a club of local people, to furnish some of the best year-round fishing in the state. From 1932 to 1943, a careful day-to-day record was kept of each angler's catch, to serve as a guide for the management of the lake.

"During this 12-year period, a total of over 15,000 pounds of hook-and-line fish was taken. This amounted to 3¼ pounds per fisherman per trip—over twice as good as the average success in other waters of Illinois. The catch was made up almost exclusively of four kinds: largemouth black bass, white crappies, blue gills and black bullheads. Although each of these kinds, in certain years, made up a much more important part of the total catch than in other years, the total average catch per fisherman's trip was about the same from year to year.

"These records and the records of the local weather station were used to test some of the beliefs that weather has a lot to do with the best time to fish. One of the oldest ideas is that fish bite better during and following rains. There was a moderate increase in the average catch on the 244 days when over a half inch of rain fell, but there was little effect during the days that followed except that bass bit almost twice as well when the water cleared up, two or three weeks later. Whether it was sunny or cloudy made little difference. Neither did wind direction, possibly because the lake was so small that there could be little wave action.

"Some fishermen claim that fish bite better on days with a high barometric pressure, and others that a rising barometer is best. This was tested in detail, using U. S. Weather Bureau records, but there was no evidence of any effect. Incidentally, fish rising or sinking through a few inches of water undergo greater pressure changes than

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Sedan snug . . . convertible smart is the new 1953 *Ford V-8 Crestline Victoria*. Note the huge, curved, one-piece windshield . . . the rear quarter windows that roll out of sight leaving no center posts.



Here's a four-door favorite . . . the new '53 *Ford Mainline Fordor Sedan*. As in all the Ford Mainline Models, you choose from V-8 or Six . . . Fordomatic, Overdrive, or Conventional drive.

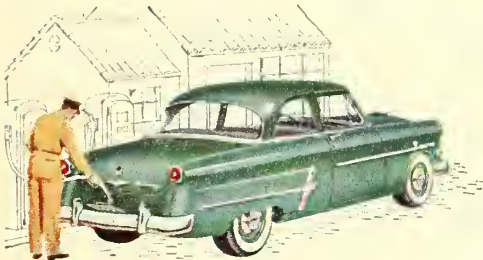


At home in finest company—yet amazingly low in price is this '53 *Ford Mainline Tudor Sedan*. And like all new Fords, it brings you Ford's new Wonder Ride . . . no roll, no pitch, no sway.



By merely lifting out rear seat and folding the Stow-away center seat into the floor you change this new 4-door, 8-passenger *Ford V-8 Customline Country Sedan* to a carrier of bulky loads.

11 reasons why **FORD's** out Front for '53



Here's a personal car with a special air of smartness—the '53 *Ford Customline Club Coupe*. For easier operation brake and clutch pedals are suspended from above. Note Center-Fill fueling.



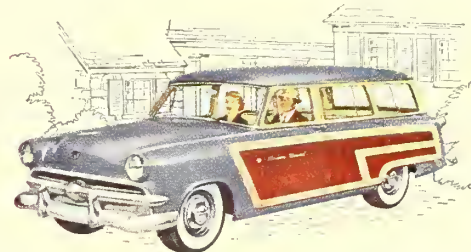
You're looking at a big reason why Ford has sold more convertibles than any other maker! It's the 1953 *Ford V-8 Crestline Sunliner*. Weather-tight automatic top goes up quick as a wink.

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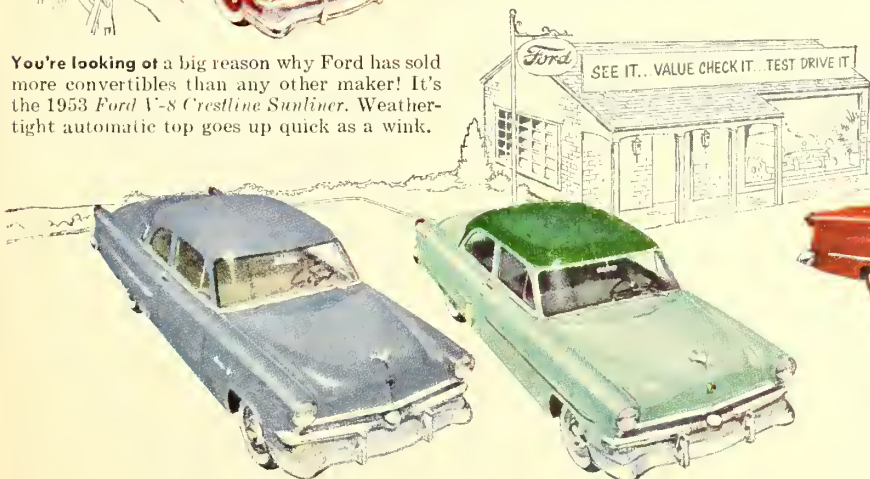
Fordomatic Drive, Overdrive, white sidewall tires, optional at extra cost. Equipment, accessories and trim subject to change without notice.



The new Ford Mainline Ranch Wagon is the low-priced, full-size station wagon that's proving America's favorite. Its two doors are wide and convenient. Its rear seat "stows away" for cargo.



Here's the new Ford V-8 Crestline Country Squire. This 4-door, 8-passenger, wood-trimmed beauty offers 81½ feet of load space, with rear seat out, tail gate down and center seat folded into floor.



Trips are treats in the 1953 *Ford Mainline Business Coupe*. You ride on foam rubber over non-sag springs, and there's lots of space behind the seat, also a huge luggage locker.



The big family favorite is the handsome 1953 *Ford Customline Fordor Sedan*. As in all the '53 Fords, beautiful interior color schemes harmonize with long-lasting, baked enamel outside colors.

Meet the new 1953 Ford Customline Tudor Sedan . . . a style-leading beauty that, like all Ford models, gives you the room . . . the visibility . . . the easy handling, and parking, you *want* and *need*.

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When You Wash Your Hair Use Lucky Tiger Magic Dandruff Remover Shampoo

Look at your hair... She will!

A FRIEND OF LEFTY'S

It took a baseball game to teach this father a simple fact his son knew by instinct.

By DUANE DECKER



▲ I heard Lefty saying, "This is my dad, Kennie." Kennie was nodding at me.

THE THING that bothered me about this great new life that went with the great new job bothered me most on Saturdays, and I knew exactly why. Saturday had always been the fine, relaxed break in the week, the day I'd get dressed in the fading remnants of the suntan GI khaki and maybe wash the car in the backyard, pausing every nonce on the nonce for a can of cold beer, drunk from the can the way we used to do it on Guam and Okinawa. Then, when finished, I'd hit the livervurst in the icebox and take a snooze in the shade of the old fig newton tree, or whatever that beat-up old tree was that we had in the backyard on Mullins Street. And always I'd horse around a good part of the

day with young Lefty, playing ball with him sometimes, watching him practice with his team other times, because Lefty had been on one team or another ever since he'd put his croquet days behind him.

But now Saturday was different. It was a day I matched up some impeccably-pressed slacks with a spic and span sport shirt, then polished my golf clubs so they gleamed the way everybody's gleamed up at the country club. The car never needed a wash job because that was part of the servicing I had arranged for on a monthly basis at the dealer's. And if I went so far as to have a beer, I drank it from one of those cone-shaped glasses, like a guy being nostalgic for the



Kennie crashed into the catcher, toppling him, and Lefty crossed the plate standing.

continued

A FRIEND OF LEFTY'S

dear, departed days of his youth at old Heidelberg.

What I mean is now Saturday bothered me because it was the day that showed me I wasn't being exactly myself any more, that I was trying to be somebody else and not doing too good a job of it. Something had come into my life that was putting the squeeze on me, and for the first time ever I was acting afraid of What People Would Think. This thing had been going on about two months now.

On this particular Saturday morning, wearing a "casual" two-toned sports job in brown and tan, I sat in the breezeway of my new home, polishing my month-old matched irons so they gleamed like a set of Errol Flynn's swords, when I heard the back door slam. Lefty came running around the side of the house, presenting his usual Saturday morning appearance: clad in baseball pants, peaked cap and sweatshirt, carrying cleated shoes and a well-oiled pitcher's glove. He slowed down outside the breezeway and peered in.

"Oh! You been there all the time?" he said.

I nodded and quit polishing.

"You going up to that place again?"

I nodded again. Lefty never referred

to the Brooklawn Country Club by name. He always acted as though it, like spit, was a horrid word.

"Bob Appleton asked me up," I explained. "He's that business friend of mine. Sort of a customer," I added, apologetically.

"Big deal," Lefty said, almost sniffing as he turned to go, with a look on his face so dark I could not let it pass.

"Hey! Wait a minute, Lefty!" I called. "I'm only playing nine holes with Appleton, son. So I'll have time to drive down to the park and look you and the team over." I had changed that game with Appleton from 18 to 9 holes on the spur of the moment.

"And you'll stay after, and meet Kennie Willard?"

"You bet. High time I met your best friend around here."

It was, too. Since we'd moved to this town two months before, Kennie Willard was the one boy Lefty had met that he spoke of with real animation. I knew, from his haphazard chatter, that Kennie was the one boy who'd gone all out to make a new kid feel at home in a strange town, feel that he was starting to belong. I could remember just how hard it was to get that feeling at 15.

Nobody had to tell me I'd been

skipping Lefty on my time since we'd moved here. But things had ganged up on me and what Lefty couldn't get through his head was that this was not just a brand new town we'd moved into—it was a brand new way of life, a brand new world for us. Because, after a dozen years of plugging at routine, modest-pay jobs back in the home office, the firm had finally seen fit to give me a shot at faster company. Quite suddenly I had become part of the top brass—general sales manager for the branch office of this whole area.

The promotion had done a lot more than merely double my salary. It had made me, for the first time in my life, a person of genuine prominence in the community. That may sound fine, and I guess it is, but it entailed a lot of changes in the domestic life of the Tom Dowds. It meant renting a larger, more imposing house than the one on Mullins Street in that other town; it meant

As I walked out of the kitchen I was terribly aware of a warmth in the back of my neck. Lefty was surely suspicious.



getting accepted in a neighborhood that was referred to as the "smart part of town"; it meant owning a slick new car that glided, instead of a repainted jalopy that bounced; it meant keeping up appearances in all ways on all fronts; and, finally, it meant that things like this morning's invitation to play golf with Bob Appleton—chairman, no less, of the Membership Committee at Brooklawn—was, to play Lefty's facetious crack straight, a truly big deal.

Watching Lefty now, as he scurried across the grassy terrace and disappeared down the spacious, subdued street, I began to like myself a little more for having promised to cut the golf game short. But I didn't like myself as much as I would have if I'd said the hell with the golf game. This was still more a compromise than a clear-cut stand. The squeeze was still there.

Still, I could not give Appleton a brush-off altogether. Membership at Brooklawn was a vital business must with me—I'd have seen that for myself even if Charlie Preston, the big boss, had not warned me about it before I left. And membership, I felt, would come just as soon as Appleton and his extremely conservative committee observed me a while and decided that I would be no square peg in a hole that had been cut round according to their personal specifications.

I put the irons in the bag and headed for the sleek garage inside of which stood the bulging black sedan that had white walls on the tires and something under 3,000 miles on the speedometer. As I started to back it out, Kitty came across the terrace on a high-heeled version of the double, calling goodbye to the lady next door, who was what the society pages described as "a leading clubwoman." Kitty, fortunately for me, had somehow managed to hit it off with her, even though she's hardly the clubwoman type herself. But it wasn't surprising, really, because Kitty had always managed to hit it off with every neighbor we'd ever had except that one, back in the very early days, who had lived in the upstairs flat and had turned out to be a lady saxophonist of amateur standing.

When she reached the car, I leaned out the window and kissed her. She said, "Brooklawn again?"

"Only nine holes," I said, apologeti-

cally. It seemed to be my morning for being apologetic.

"Lefty was hoping you'd go with him."

"I'm going down to the park later and watch him work out. And meet that friend of his, Kennie Willard."

"You really should by now, Pop," Kitty said. She never came right out and told me I was not being myself these days, but on the other hand she had picked up a new habit of leaving a lot of things unsaid. "Why don't you bring Lefty's friend back with him? I'd like to meet the boy too."

"Well, some other day might be better. I mean, Appleton said something about how he and his wife might drop by later this afternoon." I didn't add—but I was sure Kitty knew—that this was all part of the Brooklawn scouting system.

She folded her arms and hugged them to her in a stance that suggested mild disapproval of something.

"That wouldn't complicate my life if it wouldn't complicate yours," she said.

That was close to an open needling. And Kitty had never been a needling wife. *Run for the hills, Dowd*, I told myself, and promptly did. "I'll see," I said and backed the car out of the drive with the haste of a rabbit who has suddenly come upon a beagle in the old carrot patch.

It turned out to be one of those days which, having started at a moderately low pitch, went completely *basso profundo*. In the first place, Appleton showed up late and the course was jammed so that by the time we'd finished nine, the sun was higher than Brooklawn's greens fees. That meant I'd fluffed off most of Lefty's practice and I was grappling with a guilty conscience when I finally broke free of Appleton at the tenth tee, slapping him on the back in a quite false burst of good fellowship. Why had I done that? I actually didn't know Appleton well enough to slap him on the back and furthermore I didn't yet like him well enough to want to do it. But lately I had found myself being a party to a number of odd bits of human behavior for reasons so obscure that I could not put my finger on them.

As I left, Appleton said: "The wife and I plan to drop by this afternoon—if you'll be home."

"We'll be looking for you," I said, and hurried off, wishing he hadn't given me that fresh reminder just before I would have to make up my mind about inviting Lefty's friend over.

I had certainly messed up the deal with Lefty. When I reached the ball park I felt like the complete heel, be-

cause the team was already drifting off the diamond, heading home. This was the second Legion Junior team that he'd made the grade with—where we'd just come from, Lefty had been the No. 1 pitcher, though that had been a small Post and a weak team. But this was a strong one. This one had reached the sectional semi-finals last year and Lefty claimed they had high hopes of pushing into the national competition this year. Lefty said he only rated himself No. 3 on this pitching staff but that Kennie Willard, who was the first string catcher, insisted he was better than that. And Kennie had him starting to believe in himself to the hilt—something he had never quite been able to do on a baseball field before.

I stopped the car near home plate and looked around for Lefty. One way I could make up for missing his practice would be to bring Kennie Willard back with us, Appleton or no Appleton. And

then, just as I was thinking that, I spied Lefty, trotting eagerly toward the car, with a tall, rangy boy at his side. The rangy boy carried a catcher's mitt but even if he hadn't, I'd have suddenly bet all the marbles that this was Kennie.

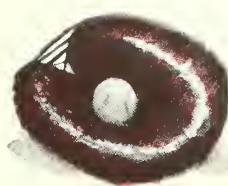
Probably I was staring as they reached me. I couldn't help it. Probably, too, my jaw hung. These things, and others as obvious, quite likely happened because I felt some sort of mental underpinnings acting shaky on me. Now, don't get me wrong—I've never been accused of being a bigot or a snob, and I'm neither. But for the life of me I could not seem to take my sudden discovery in the proper stride. I did not comprehend how Lefty could have talked so incessantly about Kennie Willard for these past weeks and never once have mentioned the simple, biological fact that his best friend in this new town happened to be a Negro.

On all fronts, Lefty had given me such a complete briefing of the boy. I had a very real mental picture of him—a big, natural-born leader with a lot of easy humor in him; a serious student who stood near the top of his class in grades and, this early, had made up his mind definitely to become a doctor; a rare bird who preferred reading books to watching TV. From Lefty's shooting the breeze about him so much, I knew most of what there was to know about Kennie Willard—except just this one fact.

I heard Lefty saying, "This is my dad, Kennie."

Kennie was nodding at me. "Hello, Mr. Dowd. It sure was a great break for our ball club when you moved to

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WHAT HAVE WE BOUGHT

We have squandered billions in Europe on the theory that money can buy friends and allies.

By **KARL BAARSLAG**

Billions for Britain haven't been enough to keep her from carrying on a thriving trade with the reds.

Do you know that you can't find a single copy of *The American Legion Magazine* in any U.S. Information Service library in Europe? Does Congress know that by some curious "oversight" none of its reports and hearings on subversion and Soviet espionage get through an iron curtain of our own to these U. S. tax-supported libraries? Did you know that 25 percent of all U. S. and British licensed German newspapers in our Zones were reserved for the communist press? Karl Baarslag, who is Research Specialist for the National Americanism Commission, and not a newspaperman, dug up these and many other startling facts on a brief three weeks' trip to West Europe last fall. Karl, known to thousands of Legionnaires, accepted no government favors, guided tours, or "courtesies." He paid his own way, crossed the Atlantic by freighter, and frequently rode "hard" on third class European trains to gather his facts.

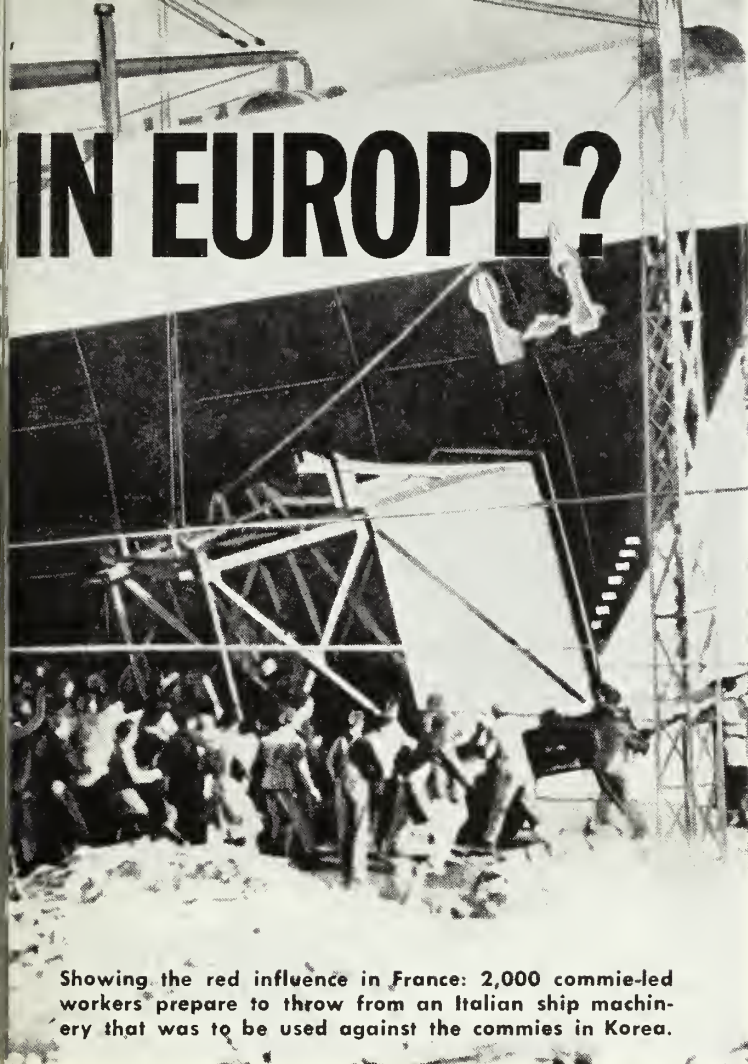
DURING the last few years Uncle Sam has ladled out of your tax money about five billion dollars a year to keep Western Europe from going communist. And to conduct what has been represented to us as an effective political warfare counter-offensive to the Soviets' massive propaganda war against us. What are we getting for our money? State Department publicity boys and the bureaucrats in charge of the various programs claim that it is close to one hundred cents of real value on the dollar. Non-government experts and neutrals vary in their estimates from thirty or forty cents to as little as two or three cents on the dollar. Some foreigners and complete cynics will claim that it is closer to 1/10th of a mill or 1/1000th of a buck. But all of them agree that despite our expenditure of

billions of dollars *anti-Americanism is at an all time high.*

It was to get some answers, if possible, to these and other questions that I recently went to Europe as an unofficial observer for the National Commander. While Commander Gough went to the fighting front against world communism in Korea I took a quick look at the non-military front in West Europe. The Germans still had white sheets hanging out of their windows the last time I was over there. So there was much change to study and observe. Then, too, as a former naval intelligence officer I knew that first hand intelligence confidentially obtained on the spot is always better than secondhand, relayed and "processed" information. I talked with American officials, intelligence officers, newspapermen, bankers, businessmen, and key anti-communists. In London I spent two hours with Generals Anders and Bor-Komorowski of the Polish Army which fought on our side all through the last war. I talked with underground Russian anti-Soviet operatives in Germany. This report to you then is substantially the same that I made to the National Commander.

My first stop, England, was a bad surprise. In World War II, I had served on the all-British staff of a top secret intelligence unit attached to Marshal Montgomery's 21st Army Group. Months of service under hectic and trying conditions had given me great respect and admiration for my English colleagues. Today even conservative Britishers seem to dislike Uncle Sam more than they fear Soviet Russia. The explanation is quite simple and entirely an economic one. The average English businessman is still firmly convinced that he can do business with Stalin and make some modest profits. World War II, the amputation of India, the costly guerrilla war in Malaya, and other

IN EUROPE?



Showing the red influence in France: 2,000 commie-led workers prepare to throw against the commies in Korea. ery that was to be used against the commies in Korea.

economic bloodletting have badly crippled Albion. Britain lives and can survive only by trade. Perhaps the United States with a far richer economy and favorable trade balance can afford to snub Stalin's trade blandishments—England believes it cannot. If half a loaf is better than no bread then even shillings and pence gleaned from a restricted Soviet trade is in Britain's view better than a total economic blockade and no bread at all. And if some of these profits are derived from trading with red Chinese killing Americans and British lads in Korea—well, "business is business." Britain hopes to serve as a middleman or "bridge" between Russia

and the United States. It apparently learned nothing from Benes' ill-fated and disastrous attempt to use Czechoslovakia as a "bridge" between the Kremlin and the free world.

Then, too, years of socialist government have given the average Englishman a different viewpoint on communism from ours. Despite ample evidence of Soviet espionage and treachery since the seizure of the Arcos Company files twenty-five years ago and the shocking disclosures of the Allan Nunn May, Pontecorvo, and Klaus Fuchs cases, many Englishmen still regard communism tolerantly as a minor and very unimportant form of political heresy or dissent. Parliament has never set up a Royal Commission to study and expose subversion as our own Congress did over fourteen years ago. The Legion's counter-subversive program of education has no counterpart in Great Britain.

As a consequence many Englishmen resent and openly ridicule American "witch-hunting," "red-baiting," and "hysteria." Even Owen Lattimore's smear word "McCarthyism" has leaped the Atlantic. I happened to be in London when the Legion's National Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis passed a resolution asking all American movie exhibitors to refrain from showing Charlie Chaplin's *Limelight* until his re-entry status as an undesirable alien was adjudicated. British response was characteristic. The Princess Royal, Margaret Rose, attended the opening of the Chaplin picture with all the attendant fanfare and publicity. Any such social gesture by the Royal Family is not only never questioned or criticized but is accepted as supreme good taste and the last word in social acceptance. So while Charlie may have lost a couple of rounds on points by U. S. Attorney General McGranery's action and the Legion resolution, he walked off with top social honors in Merrie England.

On a more serious front John Bull continues to pull juicy trade plums out of the vast international, semi-clandestine shipment of munitions and western strategic materials to red China, Poland, Russia, and other Iron Curtain lands. Intelligence officers and other well-informed observers in West Europe have long stories to tell of alleged British connivance at economic blockade-running by Greek, Polish, Panamanian, and other foreign registry ships. Spanish iron ore is shipped from Spain to Russia via British ports and ships flying the "red duster," newsmen claim. Oil reserves are being built up for red Poland at the Kiel Canal in the British Zone under a dummy German company, I was told by German sources of information. British control officers look the other way. In our own Zone there is said to be much smuggling of strategic materials to the Soviet East German Zone by Ruhr industrialists (Continued on page 44)

ANOTHER REASON WHY WE ARE UNPOPULAR ABROAD

Despite Western Germany's resurgence, many of her people are still living in hovels under pathetic conditions.

In contrast, many Americans in Germany never had it so good. Here are homes for Americans in Bonn. The dogs and German maid belong to a U. S. typist.



How to Visit Men in VA Hospitals

Some simple suggestions to make your call pleasant for everyone.

By CHARLES PEARSON

IF HAPPENS to all of us, from my ward buddies who got here by way of Korea, to the Spanish-American war vets with bones gone brittle. When we're first admitted, relatives, friends and neighbors come in throngs. Then we're in for the long haul, and the most striking thing about our visitors is their fade-out.

I like to think of the girl who appeared at my bedside when the plaster cast in which I lay was new, clean and white as the freshly-falling snow. A pained look, which she quickly rubbed off, swept over her face. Then, with a sumptuous smile, she tossed me a sally from a current popular song, "If I'd known you were coming I'd have baked a cake!" This was cute because it was absurd, so different from the anxious queries of my other earnest watchers.

"But I'll do my next best," came her follow-up, as she whipped a pencil from her neat little purse. She poised it over my chest and wrote right on the smooth, hard surface of the cast where I could read, "Cake Recipe for a Shattered Egg." (That had a personal touch.) Then she began a solemn listing — "1 cup sugar, ½ cup butter, 2 cups flour. . ."

"Hey, what goes on here!" I interrupted. But she went



right on with her recipe: ". . . 1 cup milk, 1 shattered egg, 1 cup brandy." Then she sluiced her pencil for the punch line, "Cream butter'n sugar, add egg, flour'n milk, beat 200 strokes, place in moderate oven. Drink brandy!"

Many a spring morning later this unconfirmed bachelor, his cast dingy from a winter's wear and uncomfortable because it had rubbed "pressure spots" on his hide, read this again with a throaty chuckle. But what's become of the gal?

This tendency of visitors to bunch up at the beginning of a man's hospital stretch is understandable enough. That's when doubt as to the outcome of his illness generally occurs. That's when you sympathizers have had your initial shock — always the strongest — and a surge of feeling has sent you to his bedside. Yet it's precisely the time he can enjoy you

the least because he's the sickest. Weeks, months, even a year or more later, he'd throw his crutch to have an old crony fill that empty chair at his bedside. And it's then you show up too seldom.

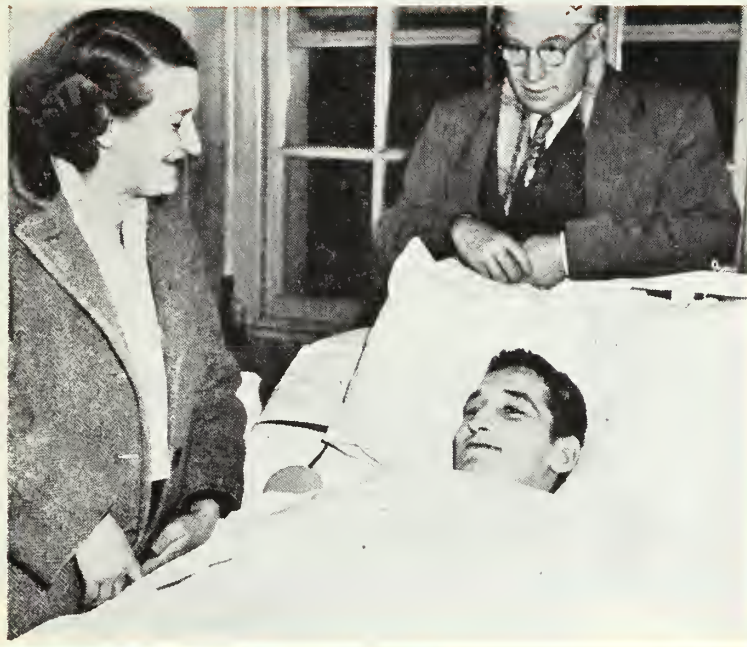
It's you fellows who goof off first. I'll leave it to the mind-probers to say why men are more hospital-shy than women, especially around a VA facility, where the atmosphere is predominantly male. Here are no delivery rooms to pass, no squirming bundles with doubled-up fists to be stared at. Yet when a patient's visitors have simmered down to "the faithful few" it's the women who are still on the list. The handful of guys who do show up act like something caged, like a crate of roosters going to market in the back of a pickup truck. They strain their necks toward every opening into the ward, eye it as a possible means of escape.

You guys wouldn't have it so bad if you came *prepared for your visit*. "Why, sure," you say, "I'll haul out the grease rag, polish up the old car, and tell the wife to think up something. I don't go to see old GI Joe empty-handed." So she bakes a literal cheesecake, and you stick the latest picture magazine in your pocket. That's just fine, brother. Joe will appreciate what you bring him. But if you mosey into the ward with something in your hands and *nothing on your mind*, then you've really let yourself in for the getaway jitters.

So curb that impulse to go jump into the car, while you take a bearing on Joe's situation. He's caught under the weight of his infirmities. His arms, legs, or torso may be immobilized in a cast or steel contraption, or the whole of him pinned to the sheets. Three feet away on either side is another buddy in similar reduced circumstances. But these things are not nearly so important to him as the fact that he's been torn from the old home base.

What any veteran really misses more than anything else is his job, his own back yard, the people he knows, the buildings and streets of his town. They loom day and night in his thoughts.

You may be driving a hundred miles to see him. So do a little whistle-stopping before you start. You know his haunts and associates. Go around to the place where he works and find out what's cooking. Look up his Uncle Wally and canvass the members of the Blue Ribbon Lodge for personal items he's hankering to hear. Pick up the town



talk at the cigar stores and match bowling scores to bring him the standing of his team.

Be ready to tell him how his neighbor, Bill Bronson, has climbed on his roof ten times to fix it but can't find the leak. A few items about other people's frustrations will give him a chuckle. He'll be reminded that life on the outside isn't all beer and skittles either.

But don't club him with details of the major catastrophes that have befallen others. (There's enough ambulance-coming and hearse-going here.) Ferret out all the things his wife and mother-in-law don't know. You can do for the hospitalized veteran what all the doctors, nurses, and the entire alphabet of organizations that function here can't. Only you can bring him the scuttlebutt from home.

If you come with your head so chockful of the local scene, you'll create a camaraderie he hasn't felt since you both dug fox-holes and dreamed up get-rich-quick schemes on the Plains of Piccalilli. What's more, you won't be so wanting in how to approach him that you shuffle up to his bedside and let fall from your embarrassed lips: "How are



you? What's been done for you? When are you going to get out of here?"

These are the questions that try his soul. If they're asked, he feels he is expected to answer and then you've forced him to talk about himself, the infirm old Joe he'd hoped your visit would get him away from. He'll fall head and shoulders back into his pillow. Soon you'll find your escape hatch by way of that hoary old gag of his being wary of the pretty nurses, and you'll both be glad the visit is over.

If you've come prepared for a real visit, another thing you'll avoid is the necessity to brace yourself with a few too many drinks. He'll appreciate that, too, since it's no fun for him to have to entertain a tanked-up pal when he's plain sober. Now don't let this arouse you to fix that by bringing him liquor or even offering to bring it. Liquor is verboten in VA hospitals. I've seen this rule enforced. Even

the magnanimity of a buddy here, told by the ward physician he had a load of kava on his breath, didn't save him. "Aw doc, I wouldn't say that about you," he begged off. He got a smile from the doctor — and his discharge papers.

You still say you won't go to see old Joe empty-handed. Well, the most welcome gift you can bring him is the home town newspaper. The hospital library is well supplied with books and magazines that get wheeled to his bedside. He may select from its literary wares. But the *Plainville Courier* will not be among them. If you can't afford a subscription for him then save your copies, tie them in bundles, and either tote or mail them. (He loves to get mail.) He'll read every line and the ads, and then scan them all over again. A sidelight on this is that reading the home town newspaper will prepare him for your next visit. He'll hound you for the news behind the news. That sets up the currents for the flow of give-and-take that makes visiting easy on you and a joy to him.

So now a word to the ladies: Unless you're working, leave the evening and weekend visiting hours to his cronies. Their bull sessions may turn him from the peril of becoming a chronic griper, who feels he's been torn from the midst of life by loss of things familiar, into a man on the mend who feels

he's never left home.

Also, if you women are relieved in part of this keeping him in contact with the home front, you'll have more time to spend before the mirror. Here let the ladies be encouraged! You're still the ones who have power over his heartbeat. Don't hock your girdle just because he's in that VA hospital. Hoist the shoulder straps on your slip, keep your vital proportions in trim, and watch your hemline. He sees so many women in uniform — nurses, Red Cross aides, Gray Ladies — you can cheer him and a whole wardful of men just by looking your best.

Then, when you come, don't overstay your time, especially if you're an aunt or an in-law. Maybe you've had a long drive or bus ride and you want to make the most of your visit after all the trouble you've gone to. This may lead you to paddle in dangerous waters.

I am thinking now about Eddie, who came back from World War II to help build up the suburbs. He and Mabel started buying a postwar bungalow in a brand-new addition. They'd been kids together, had known each other in grade school, but they didn't marry until after the war. Eddie had been strafed by the enemy on the Normandy beach-head and had undergone hasty surgery in Europe. His hip began to pain him and he was admitted here for the belated removal of shell fragments. Eddie was the cheerful sort, a likeable ward buddy. Every time the bed of a new patient was shoved into our row, he'd grasp the monkey swing attached to his overhead rod, raise himself up and say, "Well, fellows, it looks like we're gaining yardage on this play." He had lots of afternoon visitors. Mabel was working so she came to see Eddie evenings and Sundays. They'd do a lot of hand-holding and when she was gone he'd talk about that bungalow. I got to know each of the five rooms, the Him and Her pillow-cases, the Him and Her towels in the bathroom, the Him and Her barbecue aprons on the hook in the kitchen.

Eddie got along fine, but it was slow and Mabel began to goof off on her visits. Maybe she was tired after work. Maybe she needed more fun. Who knows? But his and her relatives kept coming and began to snipe. It was one of Mabel's aunts, if you please, who clicked her tongue when she told him Mabel had been to the movies with some "girl friends." Eddie got restless, didn't want to race crossword puzzles with his ward buddies any (Continued on page 55)

EVER SINCE Izaak Walton's book, *The Compleat Angler*, appeared in early 1653, men with warm blood have been trying to devise schemes, methods and ingenious lures with which they can catch bigger fish.

As any worm dunker can tell you, if a fish is not feeding, no matter what tempting and exotic morsel you flaunt before him, he just won't take it. If his belly is full, the fish is beyond temptation.

But there is one stubborn school of fishermen which claims it can catch fish under almost any conditions. These are the trollers, the men who like to combine the soft chug of an outboard motor or the creak of oars with the strike of the fish and the whine of the reel.

A fat Universal Dictionary of 1,440 pages that I turn to when less complete books fail, has this to say:

"Troll—to fish by trailing or spinning a revolving or wobbling lure behind a boat."

A fisherman I've swapped lies with, who concentrates on trolling, gave me a somewhat different definition. "Troll—a method by which wise fishermen, who have failed to get fish, go deep where the big ones are and come home with a boatload of fish."

Candid Bud Benoit of Sandpoint, Idaho does it more completely: "I had been trying for the big trout here in Lake Pend Oreille (Idaho's Big Hole) for the past four years and not having any degree of luck until last year, when I hit upon a method that is successful for me. Trolling. And I believe this system will work well in any large freshwater lake with depths of several hundred feet.

"The big rainbows, which we call 'kamloops' here in North Idaho, like a certain low temperature of water to lie in. When the top water is still warm and, as a consequence, the old ones are hugging the cool of the bottom, then you've got to get where these fish are.

"In order to reach such depths, so that the plug or spoon will have a natural action, it is necessary to use tackle that will go deep and still pull the lure at the proper angle. Some fishermen use metal lines. They do get the depth but pull the plugs at an undesirable angle. It is true that some of the big fish are fooled with this method. But I've never been able to get away with it.

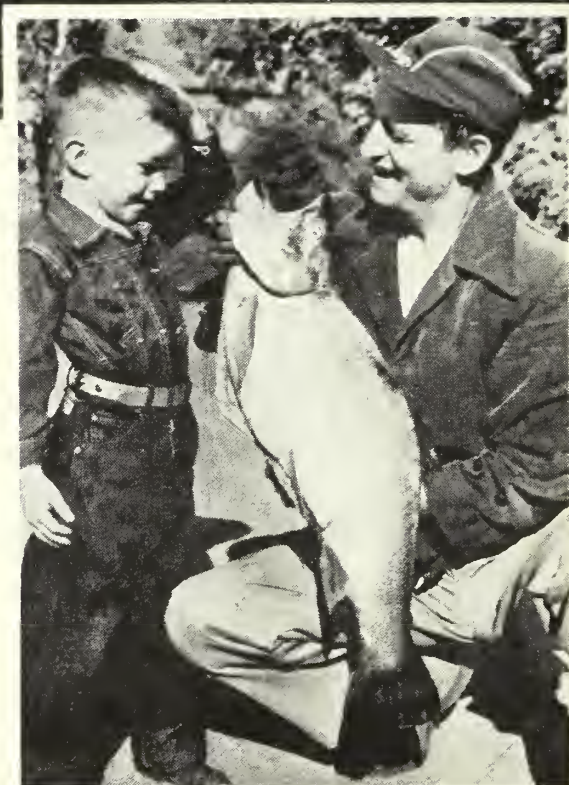
"I've found that a 20-pound test braided nylon line with about six feet of 10-pound test leader will give the lure a chance to work normally, without the weight and stiffness of a metal line. Depths are obtained by placing a four to five-ounce lead weight or sinker (clip type) on the line 200 feet from the lure.

"I took a 20-pound rainbow on September 23, 1952, on 450 feet of braided line, with a Lucky Louie Pearl Pink plug. The following day I took a six-pounder, and the following weekend a ten-pounder. All from Lake Pend Oreille."

Trolling, the technique that takes the big ones, is a system of fishing that must be adapted to the nature, habitat and size of the fish. Fish that are regularly pulled into the boat with the trailing line of the troller are: All the panfish, long-car sunfish, crappies, bluegills, perch, basses, steelhead, cutthroat, lake, rainbow trout; muskellunge, northern pike, walleyes, pickerel and bass. Saltwater fishermen also find trolling most efficient. Striped bass, tuna, marlin, tarpon are taken with the trailing line and the splashing lure. But the freshwater fisherman is in the majority, so let's concentrate on that facet of the fine art of trolling.

Your casting rod, about 5½ feet, of medium weight and sturdy action is the best all-around trolling rod. If you use a lighter rod such as your fly rod you'll have difficulty setting the hook. If you really want to get deep don't use the fly rod. However, for a new fishing thrill I've found that fly rod trolling *can* be fun. I use it for surface bass or land-locked

TROLLING TAKES 'EM



Bud Benoit of Sandpoint, Idaho shows his son the 20-lb. rainbow (kamloops) trout he caught September 23, 1952 while trolling in Lake Pend Oreille

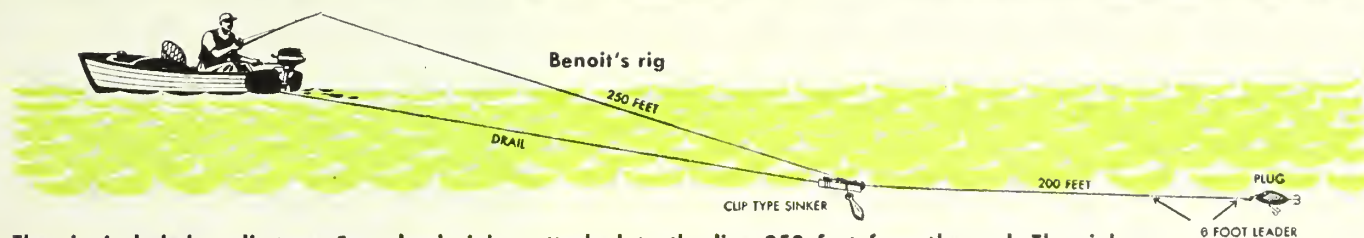
salmon trolling. Their strike, I'd say, is usually terrific.

Let's take the fish and name the tackle to get him.

Bass. Rod: Select the 5 to 5½-foot casting rod and a reel medium heavy, with capacity for at least 100 yards of line. The line should be a 15-pound test with a three-foot nylon leader. Lures: For water not over six feet, without weed growth, take the lure that won't travel downward over three feet. Bucktails, spoons, plugs, pork-rind and bait with spinners. Ask for the floating-diving variety of lure. The lure should run straight out from the boat. When fishing for bass adapt your gear to the depth of the water and aquatic conditions. For example, say you are fishing for bass in a weedy area ten feet deep, using a sinking type lure. This should go down about eight feet and move just above the underwater growth. And use a weedless lure. They come in all shapes and sizes, sometimes equipped with weedless hooks. If you are fishing in deep water use a large collared deep diving lure. The large collar or neck makes it dive, attaining the always-necessary depth.



"Troll... a method by which wise fishermen go deep where the big ones are."



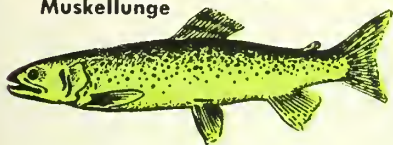
The rig included a clip-type 5-oz. lead sinker attached to the line 250 feet from the reel. The sinker is permanently fastened to the boat by a drail and detaches from the line when the fish is hooked.



Muskellunge



Northern pike



Rainbow (kamloops) trout



Lake trout



Wall-eyed pike



Large-mouth bass

Pike and Pickerel. Use your 5½-foot rod and a 12-inch wire leader; these fish have teeth. I suggest at least a 20-pound line. Any sturdy reel which will hold 100 yards or more of heavy line will do. Red spoons and June bug spinners are effective. Weed beds, sunken logs, tree stumps are the target areas. *Troll slowly*; strike hard to set the hook fast once the pike or pickerel hit. Carry a gaff or landing net to avoid cutup fingers when you boat these characters.

Muskellunge. This is the big guy, dream catch of the troller. Use the 5½-foot, stiff-type rod. Your reel should hold 100 yards or more of 40-pound test line. Use an 18-inch wire leader. Large bucktails and spoons work best. Troll over deep-hole weed beds. Set your hook hard on the strike. Play the fish from the back of the boat. Stop the motor when you begin to fight the musky. If he seems to be a big one, the experienced troller sometimes follows him with the boat until the fish tires, then the final boating of this prized fish of trollers takes place.

Lake Trout. This fish might be considered the glamour puss of the trolling tribe. It's a deep, deep dweller, 'way down with Davy Jones, and some of the sport or fight is lost because of this fact. Good, heavy rods, the variety with long butts which give extra leverage; wire leaders are preferred, and the jumbo trolling-reel with 200-yard capacity of a 50-pound test line. Heavy sinkers (the sport killers)

are necessary. The line should run down until it is just above the bottom. Lakers are unpredictable and take a wobbling spoon or live bait. Sometimes they like a fast sometimes a slow-moving lure. It's a matter of changing the technique to suit the mood of the fish.

Rainbow Trout. Sometimes called steelhead and kamloops, both are large rainbows.

The kamloops, famous in the Idaho lakes, likes a fast-moving bait or lure and is usually taken from motor-driven

boats trolling in the 5 horsepower speed range. The metal leader is not ordinarily used, for the kamloops is a wary fish. They are fished with deep wobbling lures. They fight in the acrobatic manner and are prized highly by trollers. Steelheads take to plugs and favor deep holes. Use medium trolling speed and fish the deeper area well. At least a 25-pound test line is recommended for both these fish. The short, stiff rod is also favored.

Walleyed Pike. These fish like to feed at night and take kindly to June bug spinners, commotion lures. The combination of live bait and small spinners has been known to get the limit in record time. A 12-inch wire leader is used, and you should troll reasonably deep. A 100 yards of 15-pound test line, on a medium casting type reel will turn the trick. If you fish for them at night, head for the shallow bars and shoals and use a white, easy-motioned plug.

Panfish. Contrary to general belief, the gamy little fish known categorically as the panfish can also be taken by trolling. An automatic reel, or the smooth hazardless spinning rod and reel can be beautifully adapted for panfish trolling. Live bait behind small spinners is effective; even the small, active plugs bring good results. An outboard trolled slowly increases the pleasure of the catch.

Unless you have a weak-minded companion who doesn't mind using oars for several hours (*Continued on page 60*)

ENGINEERS WANTED

The fellow with an engineering degree can write his own ticket these days, and not just because there's a war.

By **CHARLES M. GARVEY**

PICK UP the classified section of almost any good-sized Sunday newspaper, and you'll find help wanted advertisements that are begging for engineers, scientists, and technicians. The names of the advertisers read like the Who's Who of U. S. industry. Top companies in most branches of manufacturing are tempting trained personnel with attractive offers. They say: "Join a staff of highly trained and experienced scientists where initiative and ability form the basis for salary and increasing responsibility." And most promise premium salary rates, pension plans, and liberal employee benefits.

The reason for the classified blitz is that American industry is going through a critical, long-term shortage of almost every kind of engineering. What's more, this sudden dearth of technical brains has hit both peacetime and defense production.

The Engineers Joint Council . . . a federation of engineering societies that is spearheading a big program to ease the shortage . . . has reported some bleak statistics on the availability of engineers. The Council's Engineering Manpower Commission figures that industry will need at least 30,000 new graduates each year to keep up with the demand caused by the country's present rate of industrial production. But the total of engineering grads in 1953 will fall far short of industry's needs. Engineering colleges and universities next June probably won't graduate more than 23,000 engineers and scientists. And 1954's crop is likely to drop to 19,000. If the draft takes more students, some 4,000 seniors won't show up for the commencement exercises. The only encouraging thing about the statistics is that the shortage might let up in 1960, but without any manpower to spare. By that time, industry will only be catching its breath in the race to keep up with the shortage. And its

development of products might even be retarded, technically, as a result of it.

Generally, there are three reasons for the present and projected pinch of diploma-in-hand graduates. One of these factors goes back as far as the early 1930's. The depression years saw a low rate of births which is still showing its effects among the freshman classes of the colleges. (The veterans of World War II, helped along by the GI Bill of Rights, filled, to some extent, empty engineering ranks but there weren't enough of them. And, too, many GI's signed up for liberal arts and professional schools.)

Another factor that compounded the shortage is shown in a set of statistics released more than two years ago by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Armed with charts and other data, the Bureau correctly forecast a growing need for engineers. It argued, and logically so at that time, that industry was using more and more engineers in relation to the total number of workers employed.

Eventually, the Bureau claimed, industry would reach the saturation point in its need of engineers: "So many will be graduated in the next few years that many graduates will be unable to get engineering jobs." As a consequence, many college entrants who wanted to sign up for engineering were steered away from the field by college and high school counselors. The effects of the B.L.S. miscalculation were only temporary, but were severe

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Automatic screw machine. College graduate, good working conditions. Permanent employment. Manufacturing machine shop. 26566 Times.

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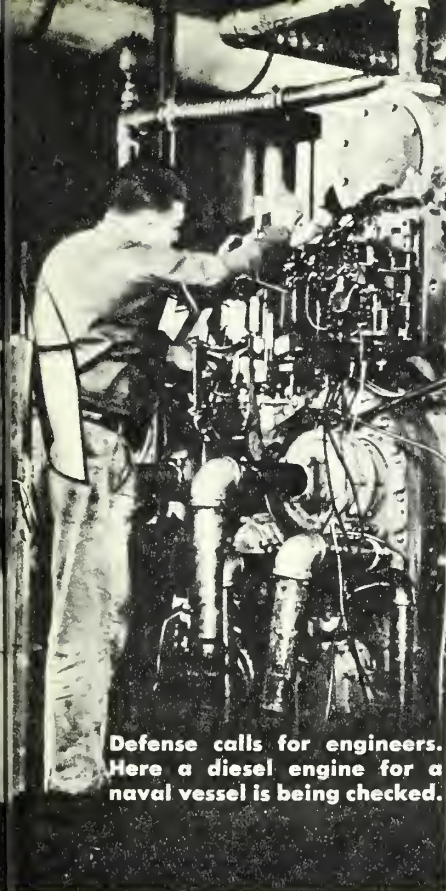
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New scientific developments open new jobs. Here nuclear fission is used to determine engine wear.

enough to stop the engineers' supply in its tracks for a short time.

Korea also accentuated the shortage of engineers and scientists by spurring the defense program. More engineers were needed to design and develop today's complicated military equipment. The manpower that went into the gear of World War II was just a drop in the bucket compared to the requirements of today's military machine. Take



Defense calls for engineers. Here a diesel engine for a naval vessel is being checked.

years ahead. Right now, a college senior or a holder of a graduate-school degree can just about write his own ticket as far as a job is concerned. The placement bureaus of colleges and the employment offices of companies agree that the engineering grad is industry's fair-haired boy.

The placement director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has said he could get two to three jobs for every available student. At Drexel Institute of Technology the shortage is even worse: Its placement service has been able to supply less than 10 percent of the calls for technicians. On the other side of the fence, big companies are competing for young graduates at nearly any cost. No engineer is starting for less than \$275 a month, and some firms have hiked the ante as high as \$500 for particular types of specialists. The average, though, is about \$300 for a starter. Some companies are looking around for women engineers for the first time in their history. And there's on-the-spot hiring, even at the big annual conventions of the engineering societies, which has never happened before.

laboratories for research and development that industry has today were then non-existent. The pure-research man, working in a secluded corner of a lab, was a peculiarity of German industry that was later imported into this country.

After the era of the inventors, industry's products became more complicated, from their beginnings in the laboratory until they left the end of the assembly line. At first, a few engineers handled everything from the design of a product to the layout of the plant that made it. But now a company must know more and more about the materials that go into its products, how to produce them, and how the product will stand up under actual service. This know-how in industry has created still another era in engineering, one of many individual experts. Today, a company employs 10 to 20 engineers for every one it used to have. It has men in its engineering department that confine themselves to nuts and bolts, paints and coatings, or just plain greases.

Although the whole profession has changed fast in a short time, the engi-

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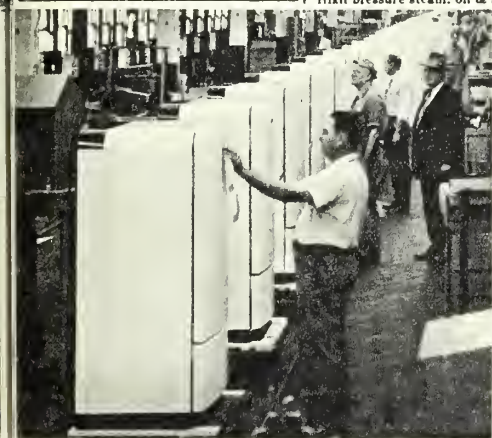
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Years ago any good carpenter could turn out an ice-box, but modern refrigeration calls for large manufacturing facilities—and engineers.



A staggering amount of engineering goes into modern warplanes. These big fellows are B-47 Stratojets, medium bombers in the 600 mph class.

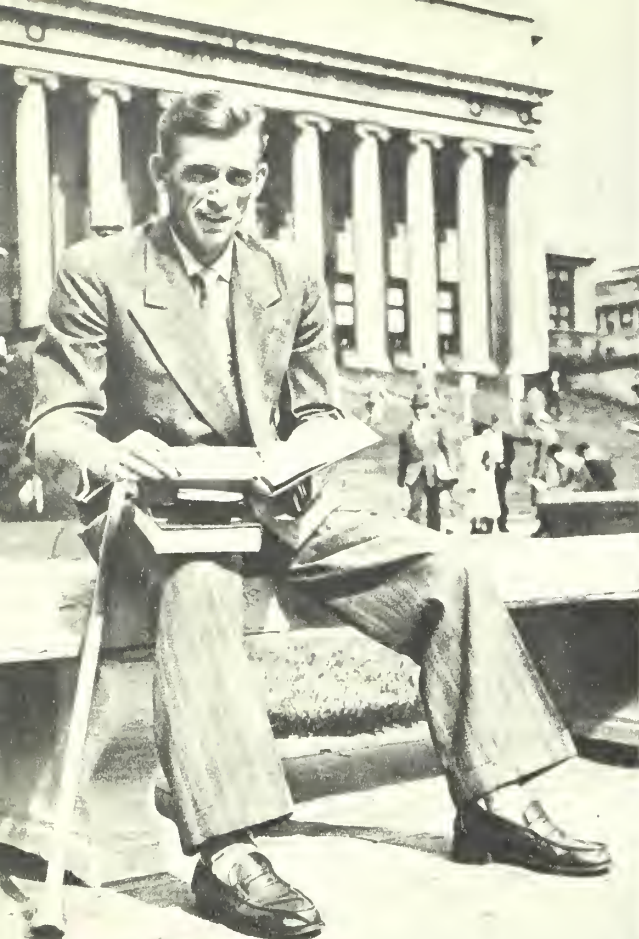
the electronics system of a modern jet fighter plane. Its cost in man-hours and dollars would have been nearly enough to build a complete F-51 Mustang fighter in the last war.

Today's short supply of engineers fits the old adage: "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." Although it is vital to the country's security, the shortage offers smooth sledding for young engineering graduates in the

The current dearth of slide-rule experts is only a short spell in the whole trend through which the engineering profession has gone in the past 40 years. Around World War I, most technological developments were the work of individual inventors and scientists. George Westinghouse invented the air brake single-handed. De Forest, for the most part, developed the first complete radio tube on his own. The big

neer himself is a pretty stable personality. A student of psychology can spot many characteristics that are common to most engineers. He is a docile, plugging member of a firm. The chances are good that he will stay around long enough to earn a 25-year employee button. He is mostly a pipe-and-slippers man around his home and family. A marriage counselor of a large college

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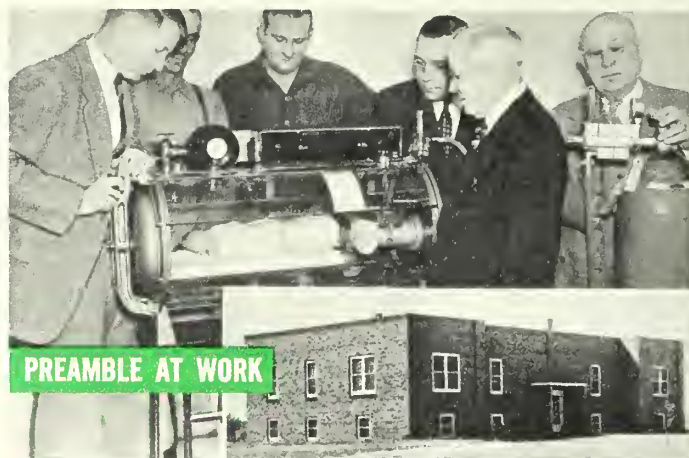
JACKSON WAS LATE

Of the Legion's many programs, the one typified by Norman A. Jackson, Jr., of Doe Run, Missouri, is hard to beat. A Marine veteran of WW II, Jackson graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., in 1950, and was accepted as a Masters degree student at Columbia University. He arrived at the Columbia campus (above) two years late, last fall. In the meantime he had been fighting with the First Marine Division in Korea, where he was severely wounded in the left leg in December, 1950.

At 27, Jackson illustrates the guts of the Legion-sponsored GI Bill education and training provisions, whereby a man can fight in two wars and still complete his training for civilian life. Lack of such programs after WW I produced a "lost generation" of veterans, led to Federal bonus hassle.

Veterans' education programs were the core of the Legion's original GI Bill, re-adapted last August into Public Law 550 (Korean GI Bill.) Original principles were laid down by Legion's National Economic and National Rehabilitation Commissions.

Of WW II veterans, 55 percent (8 1/3 million) used some or all of their education and training rights. On Jan. 1, 1953, the Korean vets' education and training programs were just getting up steam, with 59,000 trainees.



PREAMBLE AT WORK

Fourteen veterans' wives in Atkinson, Nebr. (pop. 1500) wanted a hospital in town. By-passing Federal aid they sought local help. Atkinson's Legion Post #86 (membership 235) raised the first \$10,000. Its Auxiliary Unit added \$2,000. The 14-bed Atkinson Memorial Hospital (inset above) opened in Feb. 1952, cost under \$56,000. Facilities include surgical, X-ray, laboratory and obstetrical equipment. Main photo above shows new-born baby in hospital's air lock. Question: What part of Legion preamble does this illustrate?

THE LEGION IN PICTURES

SKY WATCH IN HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.




Pennsylvania, with its huge industrial centers, has called for constant surveillance of all aircraft in its skies. When the above photo was taken of the sky-post atop Hollidaysburg's junior high school, that lookout had reported 2,393 aircraft, one in distress (all friendly so far.) Volunteers on watch are Harry Thompson, Commander of Legion Post 516; Mrs. Thompson and

Carol Dene Schoenfelt, high school student with 100 hours of sky-watching. Observation post is heated, maintains a coffee bar, commands view of the sky over Hollidaysburg in all directions.

Legion Post 516 joins other community groups in keeping watch. Volunteer civil defense work is a national security program of Legion.




 Vacationing Legionnaires from many states find a welcome and friends away from home at many Post homes along Florida's beaches, (in

California too.) Shown above is the first flag-raising ceremony at new \$100,000 home of Post 12 at West Palm Beach, Florida, Jan. 17. Beautiful new building

was dedicated by National Commander Lewis K. Gough, just prior to being site of annual mid-winter conference of the Legion Department of Florida.

Below is a view of the library in the half-million-dollar property of Morgan McDermott Post 7, in downtown Tucson, Arizona. The handsome

two-story building, occupying a quarter block, was completed in 1949, when the Post outgrew its former home by the addition of WW II vets. Facili-

ties also include a 400-seat auditorium, assembly room, kitchen and cafeteria-dining room. Membership in the Post was 3,002 last year, and is growing.



What's coming to your

There's a race on among film makers to get to your town first with the best in 3-dimensional entertainment.

By **WALTER BROOKS**



The Gay 90's had 3-dimensional pictures.

PEOPLE ARE TALKING about "3D" films, and they don't mean something down the scale from "B" pictures. These are "Three Dimensional" films, in which the projected motion pictures apparently have length, breadth and thickness, or depth. People are talking about Cinerama, which is the sensation of Broadway, and about the "Natural Vision" three-dimensional production of *Bwana Devil* which is just as big a sensation on the West Coast.

Neither of these devices is basically new, but both are in the news, because of the film industry's fight to maintain supremacy in the face of television. Motion pictures are resorting to color, gobs and gobs of color, and three-dimension is something that has been known, tried, experimented with for many years. Now it comes up for a thorough re-examination, with the benefit of new adventure capital and the best brains in the business.

Cinerama is different, in every essential, from the camera to the final count-up of cash in the box office. It uses a special camera, special film and an elaborate special installation in the theatre, but still it's merely a new use of old principles — a new technical adaptation of processes and practice

known in the film industry many years ago. Cinerama is projected from three operating booths located on the orchestra floor (instead of the booth in the top balcony) and it spreads over a circular screen 25 feet high and 51 feet wide, which roughly conforms to the curvature of the eye itself. Sitting within the circle of good seats, the center of the house, you are really sitting *in* the picture, as well as looking *at* it. You are surrounded by what the inventor, Fred Waller, calls "peripheral vision" — meaning what you see out of the corner of your eye.

There isn't any actual production film in the current showing of Cinerama, i.e., no plot, no story, no cast of characters, and only Lowell Thomas, important in the financial structure of the company, to tell you about the test-shots that you see on the screen. They show you what your eyes would have seen if you had been present at the time the three films were exposed, simultaneously, in the Cinerama camera. Your eye moves rapidly from point to point, across a printed page, or across a landscape, so you see more than any camera can with a fixed lens. But Cinerama cameras have three lenses, and they shoot the scene in three segments of the arc of a circle, which are then projected to match, on the wide, circular screen.

The scenes you'll see of a ride on a roller coaster, of the opera at La Scala in Milan, of the Grand Canyon, and of much of our wonderful scenery in Florida and the Far West, are the same views that you would see if you were close to the scene itself, and your eyes will perform the same miracles, in the theatre, "seeing" the whole vision, as you do in real life. Actually, Cinerama puts "you in the picture," just as the advertisements say, and that is why it is the wonder of Broadway. The film image is larger than usual in motion

picture practice; the color is by Technicolor, and the projection requires seventeen operators and a sound engineer, which tells you how different this process is from the standby movies at the old Bijou.

The reason the three projection booths are placed in the middle of the orchestra floor is because each machine projects one third of the total screen coverage, right, left and center, and these must match, absolutely, so you'll not discern the blending areas where the pictures join, on the screen. Once in a while, you'll detect the operators in the act of "framing" to make this joining more perfect—but not often, and it isn't a serious fault. Projection must come from booths on a level with the screen, because there can be no distortion, as there always is in standard theaters where they project down from the top balcony. Thus, Cinerama, as you'll see it, is the most perfect visualization of motion pictures that you've ever seen, anywhere.

It isn't, strictly speaking, stereoscopic, but it gets three-dimensional quality because you approximate the visual processes of the human eye, and follow procedures that are necessary in good vision, out-of-doors or elsewhere. And there is also "three-dimensional sound" to add to the illusion. Behind the Cinerama screen are five speaker units, and there's one to your left, one to your right and one in the back of the house. The sound engineer has his job to do, and he has a control booth, somewhat similar to a sound studio, where he has the five separate sound-tracks that synchronize with the three films. You'll begin to realize that this is a technical accomplishment, as you investigate the combinations and refinements of many processes, melded into one.

One cute trick is used by Lowell Thomas immediately after intermission, to call the audience back to their seats

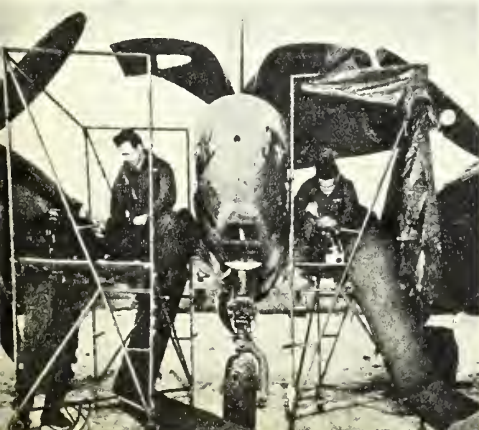
Movie House?



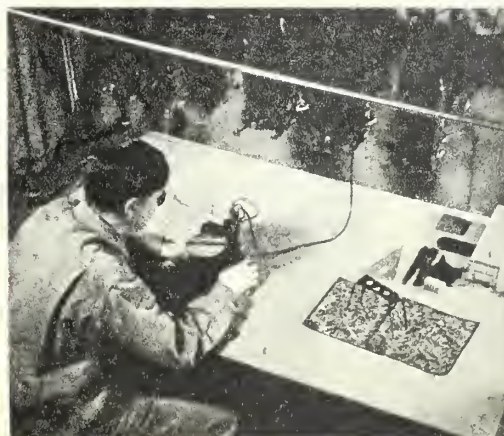
Cinerama has been packing 'em in for months at the Broadway Theatre in New York. The model shown in the upper picture shows how three projection booths are used, each throwing a segment of the entire picture on the specially constructed, curved screen.

MANY VETS WILL RECALL WARTIME USES OF 3-DIMENSIONAL PICTURES.

Pictures were taken with Trimetrogon, a system using three synchronized cameras, here spaced out in the nose of the plane.



Viewed through a Multiflex, such photos gave an excellent idea of the terrain, including both fortifications and weapons.



(it's like legitimate theatre, every inch of the way!) His voice calls "Quiet, Please! Quiet, Please! Quiet, Please!" apparently from up front, from the side, and from behind you. It's to show you how you are also surrounded by *sound*—and how, when you see an approaching chorus of singers, you first hear their voices coming from the rear, or when a motor boat flashes past you, you hear the motor behind you, and as it passes you, and then on, away. Cinerama is an *experience*, but you won't find it in many places other than the initial Broadway Theatre installation very soon.

Putting Cinerama in this old theater cost \$100,000, of which \$65,000 went for "alterations" and \$35,000 for new projection and sound equipment. Four hundred seats were removed to make room for three projection booths in the heart of the orchestra floor. That, plus the number of operators required, makes it difficult for movie theaters to cope with the new device. But that's nothing compared to legitimate theater costs, where a quarter of a million can be spent for a new show that flops in three weeks, or where there are often more stagehands than actors on the boards. It isn't uncommon for a Broadway show to employ from twenty-five to forty deckhands backstage, so this item of installation and labor fades away, by "legit" standards.

The Cinerama company say they are "surveying" twenty new locations around the world; and that as many as three per month will follow in due course of time. We'll settle for ten theaters this year, including London and Los Angeles. The first installation is doing \$40,000 a week and will gross two million dollars this year, in the one theater. That's not hay, even in film business, and it attracts plenty of attention from adventure capital. We say "adventure" advisedly, because Cinerama has three-dimensional financing, too—perhaps the most weirdly contrived financial structure that has ever been known in show business. There are now three basic companies, and stock that has been sold for as little as 13¢ per share, has gone as high as \$9 and is currently 4½ bid, 5 asked, in "Over the Counter" quotations. Your Wall Street house will advise you to go easy; there's to be a new stock issue this year by Cinerama Productions, who must provide entertainment films for the new medium.

L. B. Mayer, long-time head of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio in Hollywood, is concerned with Cinerama production, and it can be something definitely "out of this world"—as we know motion pictures. Close-ups or scenes where a single person occu-

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PRE-PX, CIVIL WAR STORE



Before the PX, soldiers were without stores. Roving merchants cheated and overcharged them until the first PX was established in 1895.

DOUGHBOYS HAD LITTLE CHOICE



PX's went "Over There" with the American doughboy during World War I, along with the Red Cross and Salvation Army units.

NAPLES, 1944



The bombs had hardly stopped falling on this Neapolitan building when the PX moved in to give the troops a "corner drugstore" overseas.

CHANGES IN THE POST EXCHANGE

The PX is nothing new but today it is different and more important.

OFFICIALLY they are Army and Air Force Exchanges but servicemen and veterans alike know them as "PX's."

The name isn't the only unique feature — PX's pay their own way and receive no taxpayer's money. They even repay the government for utilities they use. Yet, they still offer savings to servicemen and earn profits which pay some of the costs of service libraries, athletics, hobby shops, and the like.

In stateside PX's today, soldiers and airmen spend about 20 per cent of their pay, much as they did in 1941-45. Today the average customer spends his PX dollar as follows: food, 21¢; tobacco, 21¢; military clothing, 13¢; bottled drinks, 11¢; candy, 7¢; drugs, 6¢; stationery, 5¢. The balance goes for a variety of small necessities.

Overseas, the PX sells a wider variety of merchandise but the servicemen still insist on familiar American brand names.

The Post Exchange pays the wages of its 50,000 civilian employees the world over, all of whom today are imbued with the spirit of Service to the Serviceman, motto of exchanges. They really mean it.

As Major General Edward H. White, Chief of the joint Army and Air Force Exchange Service puts it:

"I feel every man in uniform is a stockholder in his PX, that we are really working for him."

THE END

JAPAN 1945



Souvenirs make up a large part of the sales of overseas PX's. By purchasing them in his "soldiers' store" the serviceman knows he will get full value for his money.

IN HOSPITALS



Medical authorities believe that mobile PX "wardmobiles," which travel from ward to ward serving soldiers and airmen who are confined to their beds, are an extremely important factor in keeping morale in Service hospitals high.



No matter where the American serviceman is stationed, even on the loneliest island outpost, he knows he will have a PX to serve him with all items of necessity.

SEAGOING PX



Servicemen stationed in Panama in the early days of World War II will recall this launch which operated out of Fort Randolph serving GIs along the waterways.

KOREA TODAY



"Operation Reindeer" in Korea last Christmas enabled front line troops to select gifts for the folks back home. Mobile units traveled into the combat zone to allow soldiers to select their gifts. The PX then mailed them home.

Pleasant surroundings, convenient location and well-trained sales personnel are the hallmarks of today's PX. In addition, all the

revenues of the exchange, after it pays its costs of operation, are returned to the troops as recreational and welfare benefits.

STATESIDE PX TODAY





WE CAN CURE DRUG ADDICTS

SHOULD non-criminal narcotic addicts be forced by law to undergo basic hospital treatment and thereafter be subjected to close control and guidance under court authority for an indeterminate period of years?

Such an innovation in the handling of the ever-increasing number of adult addicts in the United States has been proposed as a joint federal-state-local program by New York State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein, whose incisive report last year on the drug problem in the Empire State startled the nation and touched off a series of new investigations from coast to coast.

It is Attorney General Goldstein's contention that laws should be enacted as soon as possible to provide for the commitment of non-criminal adult victims of drugs to Federal hospital facilities such as are now in existence at Lexington, Kentucky and Fort Worth, Texas. Only the Federal Government, he points out, has the resources to institute and maintain this primary stage of hospitalization.

State and local authorities would have the subsequent responsibility, under the New Yorker's plan, for post-custodial care and treatment, a responsibility of equal importance to that of the Federal Government and one covering a longer and more critical period in the treatment of an addict.

The Attorneys General of all the states in the Union, meeting in annual convention at Sea Island, Georgia last December, unanimously endorsed the

proposal by their colleague from New York. Bills to initiate the first phase of the compulsory treatment program are now being prepared for introduction in the current session of Congress. Aspects of the local phase are under discussion in the state capitals.

"I believe compulsion is the only realistic method for dealing with addicts," Attorney General Goldstein told this magazine. "Of course, it is important to avoid attaching any criminal stigma to them. Modern science classifies drug addiction as a disease or the expression of deep psychological disturbance—not as a crime or vice in itself.

"Nevertheless, it is idle to count on the addict's willingness or ability to carry out therapeutic directions as if he were a victim, say, of tuberculosis. Experience and the best medical opinion confirm the need for compulsion. Those present methods of treatment which are voluntary rarely show cures—or even apparent cures—in more than 10 or 15 percent of the cases."

Essentially, the proposal by the chief legal officer of New York, a war veteran and former American Legion Post Commander, is a projection for adults on a national scale of a pilot program for the treatment of teen-age addicts which he has already helped launch in his home state. Scores of adolescent boys and girls have been brought into the program through court action under a law which grew out of his investigation.

Five stages of treatment are sched-

uled for the youngsters after consultation with outstanding medical and psychiatric authorities: (1) physical withdrawal of the drug; (2) physical rehabilitation; (3) psychotherapy; (4) occupational therapy, and (5) supervised after-care and counsel.

Attorney General Goldstein envisions a similar regimen for the non-criminal adult addict, carried out through a joint effort and joint financing by federal, state and local governments.

From time to time in past years, functionaries of the Federal Government have voiced the opinion that the care and treatment of addicts is purely a state-local problem.

The United States Public Health Service, of course, maintains the narcotic hospitals in Kentucky and Texas. These are limited in the main to persons submitting themselves voluntarily for cures and to prisoners who are discovered to be addicts after conviction of some crime under Federal jurisdiction.

The volunteers may actually leave—and do—any time they are struck by whim, boredom or the erroneous impression that they are out of danger. There is no provision for out-patient treatment or guidance for those who quit or are discharged after being physically withdrawn from drug usage.

That the U. S. Public Health Service itself realizes the need for compulsion in all but the earliest days of addiction is indicated by the fact that quitters are refused re-admission unless they "blue-grass" themselves. That is a procedure under which the addict submits himself to the jurisdiction of a Kentucky state court and thereafter is forced to remain in Lexington until the court discharges him upon advice of the hospital.

Attorney General Goldstein points out, and his colleagues in other states support him, that few if any states are financially able to create hospitals for addicts. Even those which are would be ill-advised to make capital outlays for facilities when medical science itself is not certain how these facilities should be constructed or operated. Individual states which might venture into such local narcotic hospital programs, despite the universal need for more hospitals for mental and communicable diseases which lie clearly within their province, would also run the risk of being flooded by addicts from other states.

On the other hand, the Federal Government is already engaged in hospitalizing narcotic patients. It has basic facilities and strong resources. It has staff personnel and experience. It lacks only a method for taking custody of the addicts who feed their dread craving along the routes of the illicit drug traffic

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Rehab. Conference Fails to Learn of Any Planned Veteran Administration Changes

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

Six hundred Legion and State Veterans Service Officers assembled in The Legion's 30th annual National Rehabilitation Conference tried to learn from Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., what, if any, plans are afoot for reorganization of the Veterans Administration—and failed. The Conference was held at the Statler Hotel, Washington, beginning on March 3.

General Gray reluctantly explained that "The President's Rockefeller Committee has not yet made recommendations" and that the national administration has mentioned no decisions on veteran policy yet, and that "it is not proper for VA to discuss reorganization plans right now."

At the Legion's Rehabilitation Conference, General Gray appeared on a regular panel, presumably to answer any and all questions put to him by Legion Service Officers, as he had in other years. It quickly became apparent that the Administrator felt that nothing definite could be said. He refused to answer any questions relating to the VA budget or broad administrative plans of the agency he heads. After declining to answer such questions, Gray then refused even to say what had happened to the VA request for supplementary funds in the House of Representatives—although that had already been published in the *Congressional Record*.

Finally, General Gray asked that he be permitted to leave before Legion officials explained to the Conference what had happened to the appropriation.

"Understand my position," Gray explained. "Your officers can tell you what happened. I don't want to be put in the position of seeming to criticize the Congress. My job is to administer Congress' laws with the money Congress appropriates."

When General Gray left the room the conferees asked National Legion officials for a Washington fill-in on the facts behind the continued decline in veterans services which were reported from nearly every State.

National Rehabilitation Director T. O. Kraabel told of the recent events on Capitol Hill. He explained that the VA budget for 1952-53 had been passed early last July. A few days later the Korea GI Bill (Public Law 550) was passed, without additional appropriations for VA Administrative field services.

"The VA asked the Budget Bureau how to proceed and was advised to step up the spending of the regular appropriation to care for the Korea veterans, and to rely on a supplemental appropriation before the end of the fiscal

year," Mr. Kraabel told the Conference.

"The VA went ahead on that basis. Then, on February 19, the House of Representatives considered the Budget Bureau's recommendation for an \$18,960,000 supplemental appropriation for the VA. By a narrow vote the House lopped \$8,960,000 off of it. Five million had been earmarked for badly needed medical services and still is. The entire cut is felt in other services, on which the VA had been spending at a stepped-up rate to accommodate the Korea veterans in the expectation of getting the needed supplemental funds."

Earlier Miles D. Kennedy, the Legion's National Legislative Director, had hinted at this action when he reviewed for the Conference the tendency of Congress to cut costs, and the lack of familiarity on the part of many newer members of the Congress with the meaning of the cuts as applied to veterans services.

Mr. Kraabel explained that in regard to reorganization plans, the Conference had caught General Gray at a moment when a new national administration was in process of forming its policies. And he also reported that the President's Special Committee on Government Reorganization under Nelson Rockefeller was studying VA problems, and that this Committee was in process of making arrangements for a discussion of VA administrative policy with Legion representatives.

Gives for Holland Relief

Hamburg (New York) Post No. 527 and its Auxiliary Unit put on a two-day campaign on February 13-14 for the relief of flood sufferers in Holland. Result, a check for \$740 was presented to F. J. DeLeeuw, Vice Consul for Holland, at a special joint meeting of Post and Auxiliary on February 17.

OMAHA POST KEPT AT TOP IN 1952 BY SMALL MARGIN

Omaha (Nebraska) Post No. 1, which has been the leader in Post membership enrollment for several years, was the leader again in 1952—but only by a small margin. Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1, Denver, Colorado, gave the leaders a real race. The Omaha Post finished on December 31 with 11,924 members—Denver Post on the same date had 11,702 members on its rolls—a difference of 217. Memphis (Tennessee) Post No. 1 was third in line with 8,010 members. In all, 51 Posts ended the year with a membership of 2,000 or more.

LEGION AWARDED HONOR MEDAL FOR BOYS' NATION

The Freedoms Foundation Honor Medal has been awarded to The American Legion for its Boys' Nation program, "that has brought a better understanding of the American way of life to American boys."

The national awards jury of Freedoms Foundation, when meeting at Valley Forge, chose The American Legion's Boys' Nation program on the basis of the following performance:

"The Boys' Nation, represented by 88 young delegates from 45 Boys' States and convened in the nation's capital from July 25 to 31, 1952, was the dramatic climax of the 1952 citizenship training program which, under the sponsorship of The American Legion, brought the consciousness, better understanding and appreciation of the American way of life—and of the individual responsibility of every American to help sustain it—to American boys."

Post Awarded Honor Medal

"Land of the Free," an Americanism and community-wide project of Morning Star Post No. 904, West Wyoming, the American way of life during 1952," "I Am An American and Citizenship" day, was given second place in the Freedoms Foundation general awards category. The award carried an Honor Medal, citation for "an outstanding contribution for a better understanding of the American way of life during 1952," and \$100 cash prize.

The "Land of the Free" program, originated and directed by Louis J. Greco, Chairman of the Post's Americanism Committee, attracted nationwide attention when presented at the Citizenship Day observance in last May.

BELGRANO AND CHADWICK ON MISSION TO PHILIPPINES

Frank N. Belgrano, Portland, Oregon, Past National Commander, was named as Chairman of a Special Commission to the Philippine Islands with assigned duty of making a survey of mutual security aid results in the Republic of the Philippines. He was asked to select four other members of the Commission, each an expert in his field.

Past Commander Belgrano, who is President of the First National Bank at Portland, named as his associates Stephen F. Chadwick, Seattle, Washington, attorney and Past National Commander; William H. Dennick, San Francisco, management consultant; David L. Grove, San Francisco, economist, and Richard Walberg, also of San Francisco, an engineer.

The Commission left San Francisco by air on February 13. Chairman Belgrano expected to complete the survey in the Islands in about one month.

Legion Posts Screen Candidates for Military And Naval Academies for Penna. Congressman

For the third successive year The American Legion of the 32nd Pennsylvania District, in the Pittsburgh area, has screened and selected the candidates for appointments to the Military and Naval Academies at West Point and Annapolis. The unique plan set up jointly by Robert J. Corbett, Representative in Congress from the 29th Pennsylvania District, and a District Legion Committee has worked out so satisfactorily that the same method could be adopted by other Representatives and Legion units with benefit to the services.

The screening by an independent agency sets up safeguards against pressure politics and provides for "appointment without pull"—or appointments solely on merit—as Fred Wertenbach said in a feature article published in the *Pittsburgh Press*.

It was in 1950 that Congressman Corbett, attending an American Legion installation ceremony in a Pittsburgh North Side Post, conceived the idea.

"Frank Roche, then 32nd District Legion Commander, and I discussed the plan that night," the congressman recalls. "We put it into effect in the spring of that year, with one boy going to Annapolis and another to West Point.

Congressman Corbett is no longer harassed by constituents pleading for an appointment for their sons. Gone is the frustration or ill will because he must refuse the plea of this man or that. The Legion screens the candidates from Post levels on up, and the rating is fair and impartial. In 1952 there were five appointments—three to Annapolis and two to West Point—to be selected from candidates coming from more than 30 Legion areas.

The plan is not complicated. Each of the 34 Legion Posts in the District may select three boys for the final tests. To qualify for appearance before the Post's "screening" board an aspirant must be between 17 and 22 years of age; must live in the 29th Congressional District, and must meet the Army and Navy physical requirements. He must have a certifying letter from the high school authorities as to grades, subjects and attendance, and must desire to make a career of the military service.

In addition, each seeker after desired appointments must have three letters of recommendation and a general statement from an examining physician.

A special Legion group called the Committee on Appointments, headed by co-Chairmen Frank H. Roche, Past District Commander, and R. H. Munn, Jr., Past District Deputy Commander, assisted by Legionnaire William A. Irvine, Secretary to Congressman Corbett, serve as the District "screening" agency. The names of members of the Committee which gives the boys the final test remains a guarded secret until after the selections are announced and the committee recommendations are accepted.

Everything possible is done to assure impartial judging without duress, influence or pressure. This final Board for 1952 consisted of Judges Henry X. O'Brien and John Drew, of the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, and L. R. Peterson, an official of the Kopper's Company. The final judging consists of awarding a possible maximum of 40 points for scholastic record, and 15 points each for neatness and general appearance, personality, general attitude and interest, and general knowledge and conversation—or 100 in all for each judge. Each boy is interviewed by the Board and each judge scores the candidates on a separate sheet.

The appointees selected at the October 18, 1952, final meetings will enter West Point and Annapolis for the classes beginning in July, 1953. "Before departing for the Academies we give the boys a big send-off in the form of a banquet and keep in touch with them while they are in training," says Co-Chairman R. H. Munn, Jr.

"We feel the Legion Posts through their 'screening' have picked out the best boys—not necessarily sons or relatives of veterans, but all deserving fellows—in the community to become military leaders," Mr. Corbett said in commenting on the appointments.

ILLINOIS MAN GETS TWO MILLIONTH CARD FOR '53



Carl D. Sneed, Herrin, Illinois, a WW2 Navy veteran, is the two-millionth Legionnaire for 1953. The historic card was issued on January 27th, photographed by National Commander Lewis K. Gough, by Herrin Post No. 645, and Legionnaire Sneed, who is State's Attorney for Williamson County, received the card weeks ahead of issue in past years under the impact of a nation-wide boom in membership enrollment for 1953.

EDW. M. SEAY, KENTUCKY, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Edward M. Seay, 53, Assistant to the Vice President of the American Airlines and nationally known figure in The American Legion, died after a long illness on February 25 at his home in New York City. Funeral services were held at Louisville, Kentucky, on February 28, and burial was made in the Cave Hill Cemetery at that place.

Born in Canmer, Kentucky, Legionnaire Seay was a veteran of both World Wars. As a lad of 17 he enlisted in the Navy for service in World War I, and had commissioned service in World War II, being released as a Lieutenant Commander. He was a Past Commander of Jefferson Post No. 15, Louisville, Kentucky; Department Commander of Kentucky in 1936-37, and as Aide to National Commanders Daniel Doherty and Stephen F. Chadwick, and had important assignments in the national organization.

After the end of WW1 he was an assistant camera man at film studios in Hollywood and Culver City, California; went into advertising in 1926 and spent the next several years in that work. He was a member of the advertising staff of *The American Legion Magazine* in 1938-39, leaving to join the staff of the National Association of Manufacturers. He joined the American Airlines in 1944, and at the time of his death was in charge of state affairs.

Legionnaire Seay is survived by his wife, the former Ann Thomas Harrison, of Louisville, Kentucky.

Copenhagen Post Has Birthday

Copenhagen Post No. 1, which serves as an American outpost in the Kingdom of Denmark, celebrated its 20th birthday on March 20, Post Commander Henry J. Fitch reports. The Post was organized by Carl W. Frandsen, member of Omaha (Neb.) Post No. 1, assisted by Henry J. Dudley who got some 300 U. S. Armed Forces veterans together, many from different parts of Denmark. The Post remained active during the German occupation in WW2 under Commander Charles Jochumsen. All American patriotic holidays are observed and frequent social gatherings are sponsored by the Post.

The Smiths of Smith Post

George Alfred Smith Post of Fairfield, Connecticut, has a couple of membership go-getters who are really strutting their stuff—Post Commander Anthony J. Laska and Second Vice Commander Bob Henry, both WW2 vets. Recently, figuring that Smith was a name that a lot of fellows answered to, they put on a campaign by asking various eligible Smiths to come into the Post. They came up with ten Smiths at one meeting, and brought the membership to within a few of the year's quota. Now they're talking about a membership total of 450 in a Post that has never reached the 400 mark.

GETS SAME QUOTA AFTER 30 YEARS — PAGE RIPLEY

Thirty years ago A. E. Arntzen was elected Commander of Lee Osborne Post No. 59, Montevideo, Minnesota, and was given a membership quota of 148—but he came up with 208. This year—30 years later—Arntzen is Commander of Russell Johnson Post No. 2, Appleton, Minnesota, with a 1953 quota of 148. His Post has already enrolled 230 and is shooting at 248.

"Time hasn't changed the membership formula," Commander Arntzen says. "You still have to ask them to join! The woods are full of eligible veterans who have never been asked."

MOUNTAIN STATE LEGION HONORS KOREA VETERANS

A "Certificate of Honor" issued by the Department Headquarters of the Legion of West Virginia is available for presentation to all Mountain State veterans of the Korean conflict. The handsomely printed certificates, bearing the Legion emblem in background, will be issued by the Department Headquarters for presentation in appropriate meetings by the local Posts.

The Certificates will be signed by Department Commander Harry W. Miller, Department Adjutant Tommy E. Jones, and by the local Post Commander and Adjutant. The certificate reads: "For honorable service in the military arms of his nation, at a time of great peril following the unprovoked attack by communist aggressors in Korea, June 26, 1950, this Certificate of Honor is awarded in full humility and pride by grateful members of American Legion Post No. ... in ... West Virginia."

The plan of honoring Korean veterans by presentation of a Scroll or Certificate of Honor was adopted as a national Legion program by the National Executive Committee at its meeting last October.

JOHN HOME, ALT. NATIONAL EXEC. COMMITTEEMAN, DEAD

John D. Home, Alternate National Executive Committeeman for California, died of a heart attack at his home at Hollywood, California, on February 11. He had practiced law in Los Angeles and Hollywood for 32 years, and had been a director of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce since 1939.

Legionnaire Home was a member of Hollywood Post No. 43, which he served as Commander in 1929. Other Legion service included 24th District Commander in 1934; Commander of the Los Angeles County Council in 1937, and Department Commander of California for the 1951-52 term. He is survived by his wife, Coral, and one daughter, Mrs. Diana Hollingsworth.

POSTS URGED TO PLAN FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Early planning at the local level for the 33rd annual observance of American Education Week was advocated today by the national sponsors in announcing November 8-14 as dates for this event in 1953. The central theme, or major emphasis, in this year's visit-your-schools program will be, "Good Schools Are YOUR Responsibility."

According to the sponsors, the National Education Association, The American Legion, the U.S. Office of Education, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers: "Plans for AEW observance should be launched now, not next fall. A representative committee should go to work immediately, planning the activities and projects which can best bring the people to the schools and the programs to attention of the people."

Suggested daily topics keyed to the theme were listed as: (Sunday) "Moral and Spiritual Foundations;" (Monday) "Learning the Fundamentals;" (Tuesday) "Building the National Strength;" (Wednesday) "Preparing for Loyal Citizenship;" (Thursday) "The School Board in Action;" (Friday) "Your Child's Teachers;" and (Saturday) "Parent and Teacher Teamwork."

PAYS DUES FOR HUSBAND IN POST EVERLASTING

Legionnaire John S. Trimble, who had for years been an active member of Salt Lake City (Utah) Post No. 2, passed away recently—transferred to the Post Everlasting. Post Adjutant Jack Rebholz was stirred when he received a letter, dated February 5, from Mrs. Trimble in which she said: "Enclosed find a check for \$10 in payment of dues for my deceased, very fine husband. This is what he would have wanted. His Legion meant much to him."

This is the first instance on record of dues being paid into the Post Everlasting.

Places Religious Emphasis Posters

Howard Anderson, Chairman of the Americanism Committee of Kings County, New York, which includes the city of Brooklyn, reports that through cooperation of the Board of Transportation of New York City and its advertising agency, the Americanism Committee has placed more than 1,000 of the Legion's religious emphasis posters in buses and trains of the city transit system.

LEGION GIVES ANTI-COMMUNIST BOOKS TO SCHOOLS



Five institutions of higher learning in Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley, centering around Wilkes-Barre, have been presented with books exposing communism by the Luzerne County American Legion Commission, which represents 14,000 Legionnaires in 41 Posts. The books were given under the nation-wide Memorial Book Plan launched by the Legion to honor men who serve in the Korean war against communists.

Presentation of books from a selected list issued by the National Americanism Commission was made to Wiles, King's and Misericordia Colleges, Wyoming Seminary, and St. Ann's Academy. Shown above, seated left to right, Dr. Ralph Decker, President of Wyoming Seminary; Sister M. Annunciata, Dean of College Misericordia, Dallas; Dr. Eugene Farley, President of Wilkes

College. Standing, left to right, Louis Greco, West Wyoming, Department Chairman of Un-American Activities Committee; Cecilia Corrigan, President of senior class at St. Ann's Academy; Leonard Stigors, Nanticoke, Legion District Commander; Miss Mary Barrett, Librarian of King's College, and Paul R. Selecky, Wilkes-Barre, former Chairman of the National Un-American Activities Committee.

Chairman Greco has set a goal of at least 1,000 books exposing communism placed in college, school and public libraries in Pennsylvania. A splendidly designed bookplate is placed in each book presented on which is printed the name of the Legion Post or Auxiliary Unit making the presentation, and the name of the serviceman in whose honor it is given.

St. Louis Convention Corporation Organized; Planning Well Under Way for Annual Meeting

The American Legion 1953 National Convention Corporation of St. Louis was organized under Missouri law on February 2 in a great stride forward in the preparation for the 35th annual convocation, August 31 to September 3, next.

Adalbert Von Gontard, veteran of WW2 and top St. Louis industrialist, was elected President of the Corporation. Other Corporation officers are: Dave H. Fleischer, Past National Vice Commander, executive vice president; Gale F. Johnston, President of the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis, vice president; J. Wesley McAfee, President of the Union Electric Light & Power Company of St. Louis, vice president; Jerome Duggan, St. Louis attorney and National Legislative Chairman of The American Legion, vice president; Val A. Prevallet, Vice President of the Mercantile Trust Company, treasurer; Harry M. James, St. Louis, corporation counsel; and Marshall D. Hagemann, St. Louis, corporation secretary.

Chairmen Named

The petition for the corporation charter was signed by the corporation officers and 39 distinguished St. Louis Legionnaires. It was filed in the court of Circuit Judge James E. McLaughlin, a Legionnaire, in St. Louis.

Executive Vice President Fleischer announced the appointments of Chairmen of some 25 Convention Committees, with more to be made public later. The Chairmen are: Booths and Information, Dr. Rudolph Zern; Concessions, William E. Kraemer; Contests, Harry Robertson; Decorations, Sam J. Wisebart; Distinguished Guests, Peter S. Miravalle; Entertainment, Percy M. Gash; First Aid, Dr. Emil Burst (M.D.); Forty & Eight, W. Lee Morgan; Founders, Joseph Bernard; Housing, Ben P. Manheimer; Publicity, Louis J. Hoffmann; Parade, Steve Kriwanek; Registration, Elmer Kerckhoff; Reunions, Clarence Bowers; Transportation, William L. Weiss; Service Committee, Chester Borntraeger; Women Legionnaires, Miss Lola Kuss; and Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. Mollie Hudson.

Attending the organization meeting of the 1953 Convention Corporation were Joe Adams of Miami, Florida, Chairman of the National Convention Commission; National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley of Indianapolis; and Frank Hale, Administrative Assistant to National Commander Lewis K. Gough.

The new Convention Corporation officials were optimistic about the progress of preparations for what they believe will be the greatest American Legion National Convention ever held in the Midwest. Executive Vice President Fleischer pointed out that The American Legion will hold its first full National Convention in the Midwest in 11 years and a record attendance is expected.

Announcement was also made of the selection of hotel headquarters for The Legion and its affiliated bodies. The Legion headquarters will be the Jefferson Hotel; the Auxiliary and the 8 and 40 will have their headquarters at the Hotel Statler, and the Hotel DeSoto will be headquarters for the 40 and 8.

Temporary Convention Corporation headquarters have been set up at 1209 Washington Street, St. Louis 3, Mo.

LOUISIANA'S LAST CONFED.

VETERAN DIES AT AGE 106



William D. Townsend

William D. Townsend, 106-year-old Confederate veteran who became reconciled with Yankees only two years ago, died at his home at Olla, Louisiana, on February 22. He was Louisiana's last surviving Confederate veteran.

He was 15 in 1861 when he packed his own suit and ran away to enlist in the Confederate service. He was wounded in the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was captured when the city surrendered on July 4, 1863. Released as a paroled war prisoner he returned home for the rest of the war. Veteran Townsend recently attributed his long life to the "will of the Lord, three table-spoonfuls of whisky a day and a pipeful of tobacco every thirty minutes."

His death leaves four survivors of the Confederate Armies: William A. Lundy, 105, Laurel Hill, Florida; Thomas E. Riddle, 106, Austin, Texas; John Salling, 104, Slant, Virginia, and Walter W. Williams, 110, Franklin, Texas.

LOUISIANA PASSES QUOTA SET FOR '53 MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Louisiana, first of the continental Departments of the Legion, passed its national membership quota in early February—and won a flock of trophies. With an enrollment of 44,709 members for 1953 on February 26, the Department had a record of 102.77. The Department of Mexico, first of the foreign Departments had reported enrollment of its assigned quota earlier.

Treading close on the heels of Louisiana, the Department of Minnesota had reported 91.98 percent of its quota on February 26, while the Philippine Islands had 91.67, and North Dakota had 91.52 percent. Runners-up were Wisconsin with 82.90; Arizona, 82.17; Iowa, 81.36, and Connecticut with 80.09 percent.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM TWO-WAY STREET, N. J. PREXY WARNS

Academic freedom is in danger of abuse by scholars, and cannot be used to justify concealment and silence on matters of public importance, warns President Lewis Webster Jones of Rutgers (New Jersey State) University in a public review of the firing on December 12, of two Rutgers University professors, Simon W. Heimlich and Moses I. Finley.

The two professors had refused to testify concerning communist affiliation when questioned by the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security. They relied for their silence on the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, and their statement that to answer might incriminate them.

Disciplinary action that ended in firing the men caused a controversy in educational circles. A Rutgers Faculty Committee of Review defended Heimlich and Finley on grounds of academic freedom.

Affirming the decision of the trustees to fire the two teachers, President Jones found that academic freedom was not at issue—that the question was whether Heimlich and Finley had "conducted themselves appropriately" as members of "a learned profession" as required by University Statute 3.92.

Statement Issued

His review—entitled *Academic Freedom and Civic Responsibility*—is as much a clarification of the present confusion over academic freedom as it is a summary of the Heimlich-Finley case. It emphasizes that academic freedom is a freedom to seek and expound the truth. "It is not freedom from all restraint," and "does not imply the freedom to be silent."

President Jones warns that academic freedom cannot exist apart from openness and frankness. Its proper defense is that "educational methods and . . . findings have been arrived at by trained personnel through the use of . . . rational procedures. This demonstration (of rationality) . . . is the firm foundation on which all academic freedom rests.

"It follows that for members of a university faculty to refuse to give a rational account of their position on vital community issues not only cannot be defended by an appeal to academic freedom, but in fact cuts the ground out from under academic freedom itself . . ." In another part of the review, President Jones points out that "Academic freedom entails the obligation to render an explanation as clearly and rationally as possible, whenever such an explanation is called for by duly constituted governmental bodies acting within the limits of their authority."

He reported that the University had asked the two professors to reconsider their action and testify as asked, but they had declined. Now, he said, "... the decision (to fire them) is final, and the cases are closed."

Scholarship Aid for Children of Veterans Is New Service Begun by Child Welfare Division

Recognizing that many children of deceased and disabled veterans will need financial help to complete their education, The American Legion's National Child Welfare Division is canvassing colleges, universities, business, trade and professional schools to find what help can be provided.

Already more than 100 schools have reported their willingness to offer some 250 scholarships for children of deceased and disabled veterans, with a total cash value of more than \$100,000 annually. Scholarships include liberal arts, engineering, television, business, law review, nursing, medical and dental technicians, modeling, beauty and barber colleges. Information on additional scholarships being offered is received by the Division almost daily.

Scholarships range in value from \$100 to \$2,520 annually. The majority cover tuition and incidental fees, but many do include additional items of expense such as board and lodging.

Randel Shake, Legion National Child Welfare Director, anticipates that in time the Division will become a major referral center for children of veterans who are seeking help to attain their educational goals.

It will be eight or ten years before children of WW2 veterans generally will reach college age, Mr. Shake explains. Children of veterans of the current emergency will come along shortly after. The majority of children of WW1 veterans by now have already passed this age.

"In a sense, we are in a slight breathing period in our program of education of orphans of veterans," Mr. Shake explains. "Even so, a growing number of children of veterans have been writing to the National Child Welfare Division in Indianapolis seeking help or information on scholarships. The volume of this mail has increased to the point that it is already taking almost full time of one employee."

During the 1920's and 1930's the American Legion pioneered in obtaining both Federal and State legislation offering educational assistance for children of veterans, particularly children of deceased veterans. In addition many Departments of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary offer scholarships from their own funds.

"From these and other sources we have been able to help a great number of these young people," Director Shake said. "However we are finding more and more sons and daughters of deceased and disabled veterans vainly seeking help toward higher education."

"As a result we are now going directly to the schools and colleges themselves in our search for educational opportunities for these young people with very gratifying results. Although many schools have now offered scholarships to The American Legion, the individual

school must retain the right to accept or reject applicants.

"Our role in this program, as we hope to see it develop, will be that of a Central Information Service on scholarships for children of veterans and also as a certifying agency to the schools on children and with regard to the war veteran status of their parents," Mr. Shake added.

The Child Welfare Division now publishes a handbook on education of orphans of veterans under the title *Need A Lift?* which lists many scholarships available in the different states and from several national organizations. This handbook is being widely used by high schools, libraries, American Legion student advisors. It is available from the Child Welfare Division at Indianapolis on request.

When a fairly complete list of scholarships now being offered by individual schools for children of veterans has been compiled, it is planned to reissue *Need A Lift?* and to include in it a listing of these schools.

FRED SVORCEK APPOINTED NATIONAL CONV. DIRECTOR



Fred Svorcek

The appointment of Fred Svorcek as National Convention Director was announced in late February by National Commander Lewis K. Gough. The new Director assumed his duties on March 1 at St. Louis, where he will shape up the plans for the 35th annual National

Convention of The American Legion, which will be held in that city on August 31 to September 3.

Fred Svorcek is not a newcomer to the Legion Convention organization. He served as Assistant National Convention Director through the national meetings at San Francisco in 1946 to Philadelphia in 1949, when he resigned to join the Miami Beach, Florida, News and Convention Bureau as Assistant Director. For the last year he has served as convention director for the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

A native of Chicago, Legionnaire Svorcek attended the University of Illinois and later became a chemist for the American Potash and Chemical Corporation, Trona, California. He served in the Air Force through WW2, and on return to Trona became a member of Trona Post No. 554, which he served as Adjutant, Finance Officer and member of the Building Committee. He later transferred to Hamilton (Montana) Post No. 47, where he makes his summer home at his stock ranch.

LIMIT TO TREATIES URGED TO PROTECT CITIZEN RIGHTS

The American Legion has urged the 83rd Congress to adopt immediately a Constitutional amendment subject to ratification by the States which would safeguard the constitutional rights of American citizens against possible encroachments contained in treaties made with foreign powers.

In a statement filed with a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, Past National Commander Ray Murphy gave American Legion endorsement to Senator Bricker's resolution calling for an amendment to limit the government's treaty-making powers. Stating that The American Legion is not committed to the exact language of Senator Bricker's resolution, Past Commander Murphy said, however, "we consider it a matter of transcendent importance that the principles of the resolution be approved at once."

"The essential thing is that differences of language be reconciled with all possible speed," Past Commander Murphy said. "We need this amendment now."

The American Legion spokesman urged adoption of an amendment which would "make certain that the rights of the people of the United States, as enumerated in the Constitution or as otherwise provided for therein . . . shall not be denied or disparaged by any treaty made by the President and concurred in by the Senate . . ."

Past Commander Murphy observed that the amendment proposed by Senator Bricker would prohibit United States participation in any world government. Stating his approval of this provision, Murphy said that if "the dim prospects of permanent world peace become a reality, our people might then wish to consider the formation of a Parliament of the World." He added that if this happened, another constitutional amendment permitting participation could be adopted.

POST SPARKS INTEREST BY USING NEWSPAPER FEATURE

Fort Plain (New York) Post No. 554 devised a novel plan for arousing interest in the Legion Post and in the membership enrollment. Working jointly with the *Fort Plain Standard* a series of interviews with local Legionnaires was published—interviews and pictures by Adjutant Louis Kapp. The *Standard* ran the series for six weeks, averaging five interviews each week, all held to the one question "Why I am a Legionnaire."

"The plan worked well for us," said Adjutant Kapp. "Not only did we get a 100 percent paid up membership, but we are well on the way to surpassing the all-time Post membership record. The series also aroused interest among the citizens of our community, many of whom did not know of the fine work done by the Legion and who thought we met to have fun."



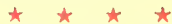
LEGIONITEMS



Omaha (Nebraska) Post No. 1 and Omaha television station WOW-TV have joined forces to stage a weekly half-hour television series which spotlights topics of both local and national interest. Titled "Your Witness," the panel experts discuss such subjects as "Are the Truckers Paying their Share of Highway Costs," "Omaha's Parking Problem," "Effect of the new Substitution Rule on College Football," and "Are We Eating Ourselves to Death." Jack Dow, Vice Commander, heads the Post's Television Committee. . . . Advertising Men's Post No. 209, New York City, made its annual award for distinguished service to our country to Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers star player, and John Terry McGovern, President of the New York State Baseball Federation. Presentation was made by National Commander Lewis K. Gough at a Post meeting on February 2. . . . Ledden-Young Post No. 208, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, presented a certificate to Boy Scout James Day of Troop 91 for leading in the Scout Day sales of Christmas trees.

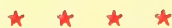


Cambridge (Massachusetts) Post No. 27 threw a big Legion birthday party in a public meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 15, under direction of a Committee headed by John D. Crowley, charter member, Senior Past Post Commander, and Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe, 40 and 8. Highlight of the meeting was presentation of 35-year Continuous Membership Cards to 84 charter members — a record that few Posts can match. . . . Staton-Hynes Post No. 259, Clermont, Georgia, organized late in 1950 in a town of 400 population, had enrolled 144 members by mid-February and still going, reports Commander William J. Busch. The Post-sponsored Scout Troop of 22 members earned the *Boy's Life* badge for excellence in 1952. . . . San Francisco (California) Post No. 1 presented its annual Americanism Award to Harold A. Mayer, managing director of the San Francisco Boys Club.



Every year for the past ten years Legionnaire Joseph Tallisman has turned in the dues of more than 100 members of William L. Harris Post No. 196, Boston, Massachusetts. He was awarded a Citation of Merit for "untiring, unselfish interest," and was given the title of Honorary Chairman of Membership. . . . The Firing Squad of Harrisburg Post No. 472, Houston, Texas, celebrated the Legion's birthday by sponsoring a party for children at South Harrow, England. Crates of food were sent from Houston to the South Harrow Branch of the British Legion, which throws an annual party for the 150 children of its home town. . . . Hero medals were presented by Batavia (Illinois) Post No. 504 to four young men who rescued two boys, who had broken through the ice

while skating, from drowning. Medals were given to John Elwood, WW2 pilot; Dana Peckworth, Midshipman at Annapolis Naval Academy, and Wallace and Donald Benson. Rev. Gilbert Johnstone, Post Chaplain, made the presentation.



At a ceremony on board the *USS Constitution*, ("Old Ironsides") in the Boston Naval Shipyard on February 2, Rev. Edward J. Carney, O.S.A., Past National Chaplain, received the annual Gold Medal Award of the Four Chaplains Association for his work among different faiths. Presentation was made by Admiral Joel McCrea; Rev. Daniel A. Poling, father of one of the chaplains who went down on the *Dorchester*, was the principal speaker. . . . Exemplifying the Legion's creed of "devotion to mutual

KOREA MH HERO HONORED; GIVEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Another tribute — this one from war veterans — has come to Robert Kennemore, who won the Medal of Honor, but lost both legs in Korea. The tribute came to the young hero at a meeting staged in his honor by Oakland (California) Post No. 5, when he was cited as the year's outstanding member of Oakland Post. He was received at the Post and escorted by a guard of honor of 20 Past Commanders, headed by Captain W. J. Peterson, first Post Commander in 1919. Life membership has been voted, which will be presented at a community-wide testimonial dinner to be given in April. Legionnaire Kennemore served as a Staff Sergeant, Company E, 7th Marines — his Medal of Honor was won by leaping on a hand grenade, and absorbing the explosion, to save his comrades from almost certain death. In the picture above, seated, Legionnaire Kennemore. Standing, left to right, Commander Thomas J. Canty, U. S. Naval Hospital; Clifford E. Rishell, Mayor of Oakland; Past Commander W. J. Peterson, and Past Commander W. J. Stephens.

helpfulness," when a young son of a disabled member of McClure (Pennsylvania) Post No. 942 died of polio, Post members turned out to assist the family. In addition to personal services rendered, the sum of \$630 was raised to care for funeral and other expenses, reports Adjutant Clifford L. Romig.



WW1 members of Marshall (Minnesota) Post No. 113 were feted by the WW2 and Korea members of the night of January 12—294 Legionnaires turned out to eat a chicken dinner and hear the guest speakers, Department Commander Milton Boock, Past National Vice Commander Adolph Bremmer of Winona, and Past Grand Chef de Gare Eddie Rousseau of Duluth. . . . Leading off in the presentation of 35-year Continuous Membership Cards, Adjutant Vincent A. McCoy of Northside Post No. 230, Minneapolis, Minnesota, reports that presentation of cards were "made by the dozen" at the December meeting, including 5 and 10-year cards earned by WW2 members. . . . Strong Legion Posts are organized in the John Wanamaker Stores in New York City, Philadelphia and Wilmington, Delaware. Walter G. Gibson, Finance Officer of John Wanamaker Post No. 661, Philadelphia, says that unit is celebrating its 25th birthday, and that out of the original 134 members, 45 have had continuous membership. 25-year buttons are being given to all who attend meetings.



Yeomen F Post No. 50, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is composed of women Navy vets of WW1. It has had a "Last Yeomen F Club," patterned after the "Last Man's Club," since 1935, according to Sara Myers, Secretary. The club was organized with 40 charter members and in 18 years has lost only one member by death. . . . The National Service Trophy of The American Legion, which is awarded annually to the department excelling in welfare work for war veterans, was presented to the Department of Kansas by Robert M. McCurdy, Pasadena, California, Chairman of the National Rehabilitation Commission, on February 7. Presentation was made at a banquet at Hutchinson, attended by Service Officers of 368 Kansas Legion Posts who were there attending a 2-day service and rehabilitation school. . . . William T. McCoy Post No. 92, Rochester, Minnesota, has purchased the Norman Hotel, two-story and basement building, which is being remodeled to serve as a Post home and club house.



More than 6,000 Legion School Award medals were presented by Legion Posts to mid-year graduates during the month of January, and it is expected that more than 12,000 medals will be awarded to the boys and girls who graduate with the June classes. These award honor outstanding elementary and secondary school students who demonstrate, through daily living, the important qualities of good citizenship and true Americanism.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Society of the 1st Division—35th annual reunion, New York City, Sept. 11-13; New Yorker Hotel. Info from Society of the 1st Division, Box 1529, Philadelphia 5, Pa.

2nd (Indian Head) Div. Assn.—32nd reunion, Boston, Mass., July 23-25. Info from Natl. Hdqrs., 2nd Div. Assn., 116 N. 3rd St., Camden 2, N. J.

4th Armored Div. Assn.—7th annual reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., June 18-20; Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Write 4th Armored Div. Assn., P. O. Box 247, Madison Sq. Station, New York 10, N. Y.

8th Armored Div.—Annual reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., July 3-5; Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Info from Henry B. Rothenberg, President, Room 1008, 33 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 2, Ill.

10th Armored Div. Vet. Assn.—2nd national convention, Washington, D. C., May 22-24; Natl. Washington. Details from Edwin J. Grace, Natl. Secy., 172 Larch Rd., Cambridge 38, Mass.

Society of the 28th Div., AEF—Convention, Harrisburg, Pa., July 22-25; both WWs and Korea. Reservations from Robert Laskowski, 18 S. Market Sq., Harrisburg, Pa.

41st Infantry Div.—Reunion, Olympia, Wash., Aug. 15-16. Details from 41st Division Post No. 165, American Legion, 526 N. W. Broadway, Portland 9, Oregon.

63rd (Blood and Fire) Infantry Div.—4th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., June 12-14; LaSalle Hotel. For info and reservations write Jerry Rosenberg, 1570 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

75th Div. Vet. Assn.—National convention, Washington, D. C., Aug. 14-16; Hotel Washington. Info from John McBurney, Secy., 5822 E. 14th St., Kansas City, Mo.

80th (Blue Ridge) Div. Vet. Assn. (both WWs)—Annual reunion, Roanoke, Va., July 23-26; Hotel Roanoke. Write H. F. Collette, Res. Secy., 302 Plaza Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

83rd (Thunderbolt) Inf. Div. Assn.—7th annual convention, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 20-22; Hotel Hollenden. Info from 83rd Inf. Div. Assn., 1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

88th (Blue Devils) Inf. Div. Assn.—6th annual convention, Boston, Mass., Aug. 13-16; Sheraton Plaza Hotel. Reservations and info from Joe Cooper, Chairman, P. O. Box 155, Brighton, Mass.

90th (Tough 'Ombres) Div. Assn. (Midwest)—Reunion, Fargo, N. Dak., Sept. 26; American Legion Club. Write Thomas J. Ameson, Treas., Box 962, Minneapolis 1, Minn.

94th Div. Assn. (WW2)—Reunion, New York City, July 23-26; New Yorker Hotel. Details from Bernard Frank, Chairman, Commonwealth Bldg., Allentown, Pa.

WAVEs, USN and USNR, vet and in service—11th annual reunion, Denver, Colo., July 31-Aug. 2; Brown Palace Hotel. For info send self-addressed, stamped envelope to National Wave Reunion Committee, P. O. Box 622, Denver, Colo.

Battery B, 55th Artillery, AEF Vet. Assn.—29th annual banquet, Boston, Mass., April 18; Hotel Manger. Contact Frederick J. Milliken, Adj., 12 Puritan Ave., Dorchester, 21, Mass.

POW, Stalag Luft 3—8th annual reunion, Dayton, Ohio, April 25; Van Cleve Hotel. Write Col. M. F. McNickle, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., or David Pollack, Pollack Steel Co., Marion, Ohio.

332nd Fighter Group and 477th Bomb Group (M)—Reunion, Idlewild, Mich., Aug. 21-23; Lazy B Motel and Resort. Contact Clark R. Bullett, Jr., P. O. Box 784, Idlewild, Mich.

345th Sta. Hosp. Group, (WW2)—Reunion, McHenry, Ill., June 14; American Legion Home. Write Sylvester N. (Skipper) Wirfs, P. O. Box 246, McHenry, Ill.

USS South Dakota Vet. Assn. (WW1)—32nd annual reunion, WW1 crew, Aberdeen, Wash., April 11; Morck Hotel. Shipmates write Carl Haggland, 2519 N. E. 59th Ave., Portland 13, Ore.

Co. C, 131st Inf., (WW1)—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., April 11; Jeffersonian Club of Lake View, 1342 Roscoe St. Contact Bill Collins, 8218 So. Green St., or Nate Lieberman, Belmont Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

109th Inf. Assn., 28th Div.—Reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., April 13; 1st Regt. Armory, Broad and Callowhill Sts. Details from Harry L. Inch, 4213 Barnett St., Philadelphia 35, Pa.

305th Field Artillery Post—35th annual reunion dinner dance, New York City, April 18; Midston House, 38th St. and Madison Ave. Reservations from 305th FA Post No. 305, American Legion, 28 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

Co. K, 132nd Inf., (WW2)—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., April 25; Morrison Hotel. Write Rocco Solto, 2041 N. 76th Ave., Elmwood Park 35, Ill.

Co. I, 308th Inf., (WW1)—Annual reunion dinner, New York City, April 25; Rosoff's Restaurant, 147 W. 43rd St. Info from Jerome Steinhart, 2425 Kings Highway, Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

3rd Port Transportation Corps—7th annual reunion, New York City, May 16-17; Henry Hudson Hotel. Info from Archie C. Harshaw, 5011 Osage Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

98th Engineer Treadway Bridge Co.—Annual reunion, Emporia, Kans., May 3; VFW Club. Contact E. L. Erdman, 310 E. 2nd St., Hoisington, Kans.

103rd Inf. Regt. (Last Man's Club)—2nd annual reunion, Manchester, N. H., May 9-10. Reservations and info from Henry P. Paris, Natl. Pres., 155 St. James Ave., Manchester, N. H.

Society of the 307th Inf.—Annual Memorial service, Regimental Grove, Central Park, New York City, May 24, 2 p.m. Info from James R. Cavanagh, Secy., 77th Div. Club, 28 East 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

91st Seabees—4th annual reunion, Anderson, Ind., May 30-31; Conservation Club. Contact N. P. Sercombe, 516 N. Milwaukee St., Jackson, Mich.

325th FA Assn. and Auxiliary—Annual reunion, Logansport, Ind., June 6-7. Write Paul Moore, Secy., 802 W. Poplar St., West Frankfort, Ill., or Mrs. Chas. O. Brown, Secy., RFD 2, Eldorado, Ill.

Coastguard—Panama City Beach Patrol and New Orleans Coastguard—Reunion, Panama City, Fla., or New Orleans, June 6-7. Write W. J. McKnight, Brookville, Pa.

Co. B, 39th Inf.—Reunion, Elmira, N. Y., June 5-6; Hotel Langwell. Info from Thomas Orhand, 138 Conklin Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.

United Mexican Border Veterans—24th annual convention, Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 13-14. Details from John O. Bowman, Natl. Commander, Court House, Mayville, N. Y.

28th Battalion, NCB—5th annual reunion, New York City, May 23; New Yorker Hotel. Contact Louis Koch, 719 Grand Ave., North Bergen, N. J., for details.

354th Ambulance Co., 89th Div., (WW1)—4th annual reunion, Lincoln, Neb., May 2-3. Full details from Billy Wolff, Chairman, 1831 "O" St., Lincoln, Neb.

Battery C, 217th CA (AA); Battery B, 494th AAA—8th annual reunion, Alexandria, Minn., at Garden Centre, on June 13. Info from Lyle B. Anderson, Sauk Centre, Minn.

Navy 157, Palermo, Sicily, (all hands)—2nd reunion, Harrisburg, Pa., June 27; Hotel Penn Harris. Write A. L. Coddington, Secy., 679 Carlyle Place, Union, N. J.

51st General Hospital—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., July 3-5; Hotel Sherman. Details from Howard G. Nelson, c/o Woods Theatre, 54 W. Randolph St., Chicago, or Dr. Joseph Weiner, 1525 E. 53rd St., Suite 716, Chicago 15, Ill.

5th Special Naval Constr. Bn.—2nd reunion, Los Angeles, Cal., July 5-7. Info from Chief Kerrison, Box 607, Haynesville, La. California members write Gene Crawford, 369 E. Riggins St., Monterey Park, Cal.

5th Field Signal Bn., (WW1)—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., July 13-15; Hotel Sherman. Info from Harry B. Dell, 507 Marquette St., Durand, Mich.

16th Signal Operating Bn.—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., July 31-Aug. 2; Morrison Hotel. Write Norman D. Strohecker, RFD 3, Oregon, Ill.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS JANUARY 31, 1953

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit....	\$ 690,396.91
Receivables	361,068.33
Inventories	504,239.92
Invested Funds	956,799.61
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 256,573.05
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund	1,264,726.77
Real Estate	973,972.65
Furniture and Fixtures,	
less Depreciation	280,042.26
Deferred Charges	51,659.88
	<u>\$5,339,479.38</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 259,174.10
Funds restricted as to use	106,800.96
Deferred Income	1,408,408.55
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust	\$ 256,573.05
Employees' Retirement	
Trust	1,264,726.77
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund ..	23,464.13
Restricted Fund ..	17,939.98
Reserve for construction	
Wash. Office ..	55,095.44
Real Estate	973,972.65
Reserve for Rehabili-	
tation	317,941.07
Reserve for Child	
Welfare	20,627.54
	<u>1,409,040.81</u>
Unrestricted Capital:	
Excess of Income over	
Expense	634,755.14
	<u>\$2,043,795.95</u>
	<u>\$5,339,479.38</u>

379th AAA, AW Bn., (WW2)—4th annual reunion, New Philadelphia, Ohio, Aug. 7-9; Hotel Reeves. Info from John Lawver, Chairman, 625 Tuscarawas Ave., Newcomerstown, O.

737th Tank Bn. Assn.—6th annual reunion, Asheville, N. C., Aug. 8-9; George Vanderbilt Hotel. Write Tilden Holloway, Hilderbran, N. C. Co. C, 712th Tank Bn.—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 29-30. Write Ray A. Griffin, Box 6, Elwood, Neb.

315th Inf. Assn. (WW2)—6th annual reunion, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 4-6; Hotel Roanoke. Write T. G. Shuffelbarger, Secy., Box 215, Richlands, Va.

27th Armored Inf. Bn., 9th Armored Div.—2nd annual mid-west reunion, Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 22. Contact Phil Dunn, 800 E. 21st St., Wichita, Kans.

72nd Naval Constr. Bn.—1st reunion, St. Louis, Mo., in August. Write Charles E. Polley, 1504 Bridge Rd., Charleston, W. Va., or Gene Gross, 2417 Carter Ave., Ashland, Ky.

85th Aero Sqdrn., (WW1)—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 30. Contact Carl T. Felker, 611 Newport Ave., Webster Groves 19, Mo.

40th Engineer Combat Regt., (WW2)—National reunion, Chippewa Falls, Wis., Sept. 4-6. Details from Otto L. Siddons, Box 132, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

93rd Armored FA Bn.—Reunion, Columbus, Ohio, May 1-3; Neil House. Contact Joseph Floyd, 63 N. Buena Vista, Newark, Ohio.

USS Oklahoma, Commissioning and WW1 crew—Reunion, New York City, May 2-3; Hotel Astor. Info from Hugh W. McClarin, 215 4th St., Ridgefield Park, N. J., or Edward H. Lutz, 673 Lindley Rd., Glenside, Pa.

20th Aero Sqdrn., 1st Day Bombardment Group, 1917-19—Reunion, Dayton, Ohio, May 15-16. Details from Henry L. McCabe, 3244 Southern Ave. S. E., Anacostia Sta. 20, Washington, D. C.

Darnall General Hospital—1st reunion, Danville, Ky., June 26-28. at Kentucky State Hospital. Info from R. E. Heft, 607 W. Main St., Danville, Ky.

Co. D, 16th Inf., 1st Div., (WW1)—Reunion, Athol, Mass., July 3-5. Write William R. Colton, 32 Oliver St., Athol, Mass.

55th FA Bn. Assn., (WW2)—2nd annual reunion, July 17-18, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hotel Roosevelt. Contact Thomas G. Kimberlin, Chairman, 64 Grant Ave., Bellevue, Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

843rd Ordnance Depot Co.—2nd reunion, Lancaster, Pa., July 17-19; Hotel Brunswick. Contact Joseph P. Snyder, Maple Manor, RD 2, Columbia, Pa.

314th Inf. Assn., (WW2)—7th annual reunion, New York City, July 24-26; Park Sheraton Hotel. Info from John Grudzien, Chairman, 93-17 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights, New York, or Theodore J. Romeo, Secy., 125-03 107th Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y.

149th Inf. Vet. Assn.—Reunion, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31-Aug. 1; Gibson Hotel. Details from B. T. (Rusty) Hauer, 200 Brotherhood Bldg., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

7th Bomb Group (H)—Reunion, Yellowstone Natl. Park, 1st week in August; Old Faithful camp grounds and area. Write Max Hillman, 1553 W. 22-3rd St., Torrance, Cal.

USS Thomas Jefferson, (APA 38)—Reunion, Berlin, Wis., Aug. 22. Write Leo Harrington, 132 E. Union St., Berlin, Wis.

USS Black, (DD 666)—Reunion, New York City, (at USS Kidd reunion), Aug. 14-16. Shipmates write Norman Ruel, 10 Highland Ave., Rochester, N. H., or Robert Wachtelhausen, 91 So. Orchard St., Wallingford, Conn.

Co. D, 593rd Engineer Shore Bn., (WW2)—1st reunion, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 14-16; Hotel Hollenden. Info from Robert G. Miller, 1008 3rd St. Junc., Altoona, Pa.

50th Inf., 13th Inf., and Camp Rochambeau—Reunion at St. Louis, Mo., during Legion Natl. Convention, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Contact James G. Smith, 1508 Jefferson St., Quincy, Ill.

Military Railway Service Veterans—8th annual reunion, New Orleans, La., in Sept. Info from K. F. Emanuel, Director General, Peoria & Eastern Ry., Indianapolis, Ind.

34th Engineer Regt., (WW1)—19th annual reunion, Lancaster, Ohio, Sept. 5-7; Colonial Motel, Route 33. Contact George Remple, 2523 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio.

Co. M, 341st Inf., 86th Div.—Reunion, Paducah, Ky., Sept. 6-8. Write Jimmie Dickerson, c/o Blackhawk Bakery, 1049 Park Ave., Paducah, Ky.

Anti-Tank Co., 164th Inf.—Reunion, Harvey, N. Dak., Sept. 7. Write Al Olenberger, Harvey, N. Dak.

19th Engineer (Ry.) Assn.—36th anniversary reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 17. Info from Francis P. Conway, Secy., 4414 Sansom St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.

713th Railway Operating Vets.—8th annual reunion, Fort Worth, Texas, June 12-13; Texas Hotel. Write Marvin Krinke, 1200 LaFond Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn.

Co. D, 313th Ammunition Train, (WW1)—4th annual reunion, Clay Center, Kans., June 13-14. Write Mrs. Clark Harris, Secy., Idana, Kans.

89th Chemical Mortar Bn.—7th annual reunion, Indianapolis, Ind., June 26-27; Severin Hotel. Write Willis D. Barrett, 1751 E. Pleasant Run Parkway, Indianapolis, Ind.

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COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Co. C, 1st Amm. Train Motorized Unit, (WW1) - Will anyone who served with me in France please write. Need help on claim. Benjamin Sandrew, 3491 S. W. 11th St., Miami, Fla.

604th CAAA, Staten Island, N. Y. - Urgently need to hear from men who served with me and know of accident to my left eye. Claim pending. Dennis P. Roies, 283 Stafford Road, Tiverton, R. I.

Co. A, 32nd Infantry, 7th Div. - Will anyone who remembers my back injury while serving with occupational forces in Korea, please write. Need help for claim. Dover Woolfolk, Route 2, Senatobia, Miss.

USS Petrof Bay - Will anyone who remembers my knee trouble after fall from ship ladder in Boston Navy Yard, 1945, please write. Claim pending. George C. Olson, 278 Burgess St., St. Paul, Minn.

Hq. Co., 8th Army - Will anyone who knew Pfc. Alonzo Pettigrew while serving with the Army of Occupation, Japan, in 1946, and know of his stomach trouble or other ailments, please write. Need help to establish claim. Mrs. Alonzo Pettigrew, Horatio, Ark.

QM Trucking Co., 4034-518 Hq. Group, 4th Army - Need to contact service comrades of T/5 Floyd Papion who know of truck accident about April 20, 1945, while driving in a convoy in Murree, in which he was injured. Particularly Murry Darrah, Will Thomas, Shreveport, La.; Ernest L. Summers, Atlantic, N. C.; Herman Palmer, New Orleans, who should remember accident. Write C. W. Gabbert, Department of Vet. Affairs, P. O. Box 5515, Lake Charles, La.

Hq. Battery, 534th AAA (AW) Bn. - Will anyone who remembers my late husband, Milton M. Smith, in this unit Aug., 1944, to Oct., 1945, please write. Need help to prove claim. Mrs. Viola F. Smith, RD 2, Box 81A, Dillonville, Ohio.

1872nd Engineer Ann. Bn., (New Guinea) - Need to locate Capt. Feder, Medical Corps, who treated me for dengue, sprained ankle and other ailments in New Guinea in 1944. Claim pending. Chinneth Hill, P. O. Box 408, Victoria, Va.

11th P.H.B. Co., Drew 3 for Foxie 29, U. S. Navy - Need to hear from sailors serving with me, and who remember me getting treated for leg trouble; particularly CE Roy Erickson, PM 1c James D. McNab, YM 1c Frederick Barrows, and others. James R. Kearney, (EM 3/c) 568 Main St., Stamford, Conn.

USS Buffalo, (WW1) - Will any shipmate who remembers injury to my eyes while helping a machinist on a lathe, please write; ship's doctor treated me, do not remember his name. George Sinks, George Curtis, Andy Anderson and others will remember the incident. Corlas North, Box 36, Benavides, Texas.

5th General Hospital, Germany, 1952 - Will service comrades who knew my late son, Sgt. Guy William Arnold, please write; he was killed by hit and run truck driver at Bad Canstadt, a suburb of Stuttgart in September, 1952. (Member of Legion Post No. 423, Mount Carmel, Ill.) Need information as to accident, particularly from soldier who gave him first aid. Mrs. Ethel Edwards, 115 W. 12th St., Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Park Truck Co. 4, 1st Corps Artillery, (WW1) - Need to locate men who served with me who remember a wound I received in France. Claim pending. Please write. Dills E. Newbern, 111 9th Ave., Box 846-A, Silvis Heights, Silvis, Illinois.

5th Mass. Inf., NG, and 3rd Pioneer Inf., (WW1) - Need to locate Dr. Percy W. Goodman, last known address Healdsburg, Cal. He served outfits named at Camp Green, N. C., in 1917 and 1918; his statement needed for claim. Ralph R. Benjamin, 53 Averlon Ave., Quincy 69, Mass.

AAF Regional Hospital, AAFRS No. 4, SAAAB, Santa Ana, Cal. - Will anyone who knew me in the summer and fall of 1944, or has knowledge of the shock treatments I received, please write. John Uckele, U. S. Medical Center, Springfield, Mo.

Trans. Corps and QMC, Newport News, Va., and AEF, (WW1) - Need to contact men who knew my late husband, Robert L. Sullivan; especially Jim O'Toole, Pat Hamilton, Harry Murphy, Bill O'Neil. Statement needed to establish widow's pension. Write Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, 19 Pilsudski Way, South Boston, Mass.

118th Ry. Engineers, (WW1) later 65th Engineers - Will Edw. M. Walsh, CO; John Pesden, Joseph DeBock, or anyone who knows of my being gassed and having flu at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., 1917-18, please write. Need statement. Paul John Presser, 427 Neck St., North Weymouth, Mass.

Co. B, 108th Field Signal Bn., (WW1) - Will anyone who remembers my late husband, Arthur Arbuthnot, please write; need help to complete claim for widow's pension. Mrs. Arthur Arbuthnot, Allion, Neb.

Camp Taylor and Fort Benjamin Franklin, (WW1) - Nurse Madeleine Geelmyden needs help to establish her claim; will anyone who knew her in service please write. She served above stations as nurse under Medical Officer James Pickford. Write R. C. Anderson, County Commander, The American Legion, 532 Leonard Ave., DeKalb, Ill.

USS Birmingham, (CL 62) - Will shipmates who remember me (Bo-bo and Georgia Peaches) please write. Need statements on back injury. Elliott H. Cunard, 1334 Montreat Ave. S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

SS Queen Mary and Replacement Depots - Need to locate a man named Jackson, formerly New York State, who shipped overseas with me on Queen Mary Nov. 3, 1944. Also in Replacement Depot. Statement needed for claim. Raoul (Frenchie) Bolduc, VA Center, Togus, Maine.

Co. F, 19th Engineers Combat Regt. - Need to hear from men who served with me; Capt. Pohlman, Sgt. Sweebie, anyone who remembers me. Need help for service connected claim. Charles G. Phillips, c/o Harlan Motor Co., Harlan, Ky.

Battery A, 739th AAA Bn. - Urgently need to locate men, particularly medics and Medical Officer, Bn. Hqrs., who remember my ear condition while in Fiji, New Guinea and Philippines. Need help for claim. Vincent T. Disano, 4808-A Palm Street, St. Louis 15, Mo.

100th Malaria Control Detachment, Base M, Philippines - Need to locate men in Detachment in 1945-46, particularly Gladen, Lt. R. E. Githens, CO; York, and "Pinky." Need proof of back injury; claim pending. Arlington S. (Art) Foulke, 4420 Rutland, Ft. Worth, Texas.

USS Canandaigua, (WW1) - Need to hear from shipmates who remember that when helping to load mines on a barge near Newport, Va., in Jan., 1919, I was caught between two moving mines and suffered knee and back injuries. Also from shipmates while on mine-laying duty, based at Inverness, Scotland, in 1918. Need help for claim. Harry D. Johnson, 1302 E. 2nd St., Hastings, Neb.

LST 1021 - Will shipmates who remember me please write; need assistance to complete claim. Write Frederick T. Egan, RFD 196-B, Valley Falls, R. I.

26th Tech. Sch. Sq., Atlantic City; 376th Serv. Sq., Pendleton Field, Ore.; 401st TSS and 301st Training Group, Sheppard Field, Texas - Will anyone who remembers my late husband, Pvt. Adrien F. Cormier, particularly "Fat" Monnette, George R. Weidman, George P. Earnshaw. Cormier served at above stations 1942-43; information is needed on long march at Atlantic City when he nearly collapsed and was assisted on return. Need statements for pension for myself and three children. Mrs. Adrien F. Cormier, 40 Lincoln St., Spencer, Mass.

Civil Affairs Unit, 1st Army, ETO - Need to locate Harry H. Duncan, formerly Knoxville, Tenn.; last known station overseas was Clerreux, Luxembourg. Will anyone who knows his present address please write; his statement needed for claim. George R. Johnson, 43 Crestline Rd., Rochester 18, N. Y.

AUTO ACCIDENT TAKES RAY PIERSON, KANSAS LEADER

Ray S. Pierson, prominent Burlington, Kansas, attorney and Past National Vice Commander of The American Legion, his wife, Alice, and Charles Ross, also of Burlington, were almost instantly killed in a head-on collision of their automobiles on February 24. The Piersons were returning from the funeral of Legionnaire Herbert J. Barr at Leota, Kansas, who was a member of the National Agricultural and Conservation Committee from 1946 until 1950.

Legionnaire Pierson served as Department Commander of Kansas in 1938-39, and was National Vice Commander for the 1944-45 term. He was a charter member of Congdon-Kepler Post No. 38 at Burlington, and in addition to his important services to his Post and Department he had served on a number of Legion National Committees, including Law and Order and Legislative. He was Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee in 1941-42.

Antwerp Members Lose in Flood

Commander Ed Pauser of Antwerp (Belgium) Post No. 1 reports that seven members of the Antwerp Post lost all their belongings and places of living in the recent tidal flood. He also reports that several members of Roulers (Belgium) Post No. 2 suffered similar losses.

MISSING IN KOREA

Co. I, 21st Inf., 24th Div. - Our son, Pfc. Jack Alexander, was reported missing near North Chochiwon, July 12, 1950; will any service comrade or anyone who knew about him or incidents leading to his disappearance please write, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alexander, Sr., Route 2, Endeavor, Wis.

Co. A, 38th Regt., 2nd Div. - Will anyone who knew my son, Pfc. Paul J. Marshall, missing in action since Feb. 12, 1951, please write. Reported last seen fighting rear guard action near Hoengsong. Mrs. Lena Marshall, RFD 1, Linden, Pa.

Co. C, 19th Inf., 24th Div. Pfc. R. F. Shackelford was reported missing Jan. 1, 1951, near Chudolung-ni; will anyone who knows anything about him please write his mother, Mrs. R. F. Shackelford, 1435 29th Ave. No., St. Petersburg, Fla.

Hq. Co. 23rd Infantry - Will greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who knows what really happened to my only son, Norman L. Rask, reported killed May 18, 1951, in withdrawal through enemy roadblock near Hangye. Please write. Mrs. H. A. Rask, RR 3, Vermillion, S. Dak.

Co. I, 35th Inf. - Anxious to hear from anyone who can tell me anything about my son, Cpl. Harold D. Calkins, missing since Nov. 28, 1950. His name not on the PW list. Please write. Mrs. Dorothy H. Calkins, P. O. Box 643, The Dalles, Ore.

Co. F, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div. - Can anyone tell me what happened to my brother, Pfc. Mario Joseph Cardello, who went out on patrol and never returned; not on PW list and no report of recovery of body. Awarded Navy Cross and Purple Heart. Service comrades please write. Mrs. Rose Cernestino, 84-27 86th Road, Woodhaven 21, N. Y.

Co. G, 17th Infantry - Will greatly appreciate word from anyone who can tell me what happened to my son, Pvt. Emil E. Wallace, missing in action near Kum River since July 16, 1950; no other word - he was declared dead in July, 1952, after being missing two years. Please write. Mrs. Gertrude Wallace, Box 773, Ontario, Ore.

Co. D, 38th Infantry, 2nd Div. - Will appreciate hearing from anyone who knew my son, Pfc. Edward Milton Jones, reported missing Feb. 12, 1951, at Hoengsong. Not on PW list. Would also like to hear from parents or others who are getting mail from prisoners belonging to the same outfit. Mrs. D. D. Jones, 1617 12th St., Lake Charles, La.

Co. H, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Div. - Pfc. Eugene R. Vavruska was reported missing Oct. 7, 1952. Will service comrades or anyone who knows anything about him please write his parents. Adolph Vavruska, Tyndall, S. Dak.

Co. H, 38th Infantry, 2nd Div. - Will appreciate any word from men who knew Pfc. James W. McConnell, missing since Aug. 27, 1951, on Heartbreak Ridge. Please write his wife. Mrs. Gertrude E. McConnell, 312 10th St., Chillicothe, Mo.

Co. E, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div. - Will appreciate hearing from anyone who was with my brother, Pfc. Thomas A. (Pinky) Higgins, reported killed by enemy land mine near Wolsal-Lyong on June 25, 1951. Mrs. Peggy McCuiston, 3007 Bailey, St. Louis, Mo.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

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187th Airborne Regt. Combat Team Assn. (Korea vets) - 1st reunion, San Francisco, Cal., July 3-5. Write Paul C. Deramo, Secy-Treas., 359 W. 9th St., Pittsburg, Cal.

Naval Flotilla Base 6, USS Dixie Training School, Newport, R. I. T. S., (WW1) - reunion and banquet, all hands, Fort Wayne, Ind., July 4. Write R. O. Levell, Chairman, Box 163, New Castle, Ind.

912th Ordnance HAM Co. - 2nd annual reunion, Berkeley, Cal., July 11; Claremont Hotel. Info and reservations from Alfred J. Musante, 3020 Colby St., Berkeley 5, Cal.

Co. E, 6th Engineers, (WW1) - 2nd annual reunion, Mishawaka, Ind., Aug. 16. Write Erie A. Scott, RR 5, Fort Wayne 8, Ind.

43rd AAA Bn. - 8th annual reunion, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 5-7; Seelbach Hotel. Info from Lee Marks, 1905 Kimbark Dr., Nashville 12, Tenn.

Co. C, 324th Engineer Bn. - 2nd annual reunion, City Park, Greensburg, Ind., Sept. 6. Write Harry Wasson, RR 3, Greensburg, Ind.

USS Concord - 2nd annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 18-20; Edgewater Beach Hotel. Details from Philip A. Smith, Jr., 1366 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus 5, Ohio.

17th Base Postoffice Assn. - Annual reunion, Detroit, Mich., Sept. 5-7; Hotel Statler. Info from Kenneth Marrone, 3155 Eastlawn Ave., Detroit 15, Mich.

61st Railroad Engineers - Reunion, Altoona, Pa., Sept. 5-7; Penn Alto Hotel. Write E. M. Soboda, 932 Roscoe St., Green Bay, Wis.

Co. D, 148th Inf., 37th Div. - Reunion, Oak Harbor, Ohio, Oct. 16-18. Write John Nagy, 322½ E. 3rd St., Port Clinton, Ohio.

Veterans Newsletter

APRIL, 1953

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

NSLI DIVIDEND FOR 1953 ON THE WAY:

Check-writing machinery has been set in motion for payment of the annual dividend to National Service Life Insurance policyholders. . . . Checks will be sent from the five District Offices — St. Paul, Denver, Atlanta, Dallas and Philadelphia — to some 5,000,000 policyholders. . . . Under decentralized arrangement, vets are expected to receive their checks within 30 or 40 days after the anniversary date of the policy. . . . Dividend for 1953 runs up to \$180,000,000. . . . This will be split among the five million vets whose policies were in force and who paid premiums for any three or more months between the anniversary date of the policy in 1952 and the same date in 1953. . . . Rate of payment is computed on most policies at 50 cents on each \$1,000 of insurance for each month the insurance was in force between the anniversary dates. . . . Most dividend checks, for those who carry the maximum of \$10,000 coverage, will be \$60. . . . Policyholders who requested payment of 1952 dividend or the present dividend in cash will receive checks. . . . Unless so requested the dividend is applied toward the payment of future unpaid premiums or placed on deposit with VA at interest. . . . Service personnel who waived NSLI premiums under the so-called "free GI insurance" law are eligible to share in the melon-cutting if they paid at least one month's premium preceding the waiver during the period for which the dividend is being paid.

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DEADLINE ON LOSS OF PROPERTY CLAIMS:

Claims covering loss of personal effects by personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps must be submitted by their survivors before July 3, 1953, if the death or loss occurred prior to July 3, 1952. . . . Otherwise, payment of such claims is not permitted under the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945, as amended by the 82nd Congress. . . . Army personnel should request claim forms from the nearest Post, camp or station Claims Officer, or from the Branch Office, JAG, Fort Holabird, Baltimore 19, Md. . . . Forms for Air Force personnel may be obtained from the nearest Base Claims Officer, or from the Claims Division, JAG, Department of the Air Force, 11th Floor, Moses Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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BRONZE GRAVE MARKERS AGAIN AVAILABLE:

Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, advises that bronze grave markers are again being furnished for the graves of deceased members of the Armed Forces and eligible veterans. . . . Issue had been temporarily suspended because of shortage of metal. . . . Applications

for markers for veterans interred in private cemeteries should be made to the Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25, D. C.

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COURTS HOLD KOREA FIGHT NOT A WAR:

Courts in two States handed down decisions in mid-February of importance to survivors of Korean dead if the serviceman held insurance with a double-indemnity clause payable in event of violent or accidental death. . . . In both cases the courts held that Congress alone has the power to declare a state of war, and despite the scope of fighting in Korea no war has been declared. . . . Therefore, for insurance purposes, and as we are not in a legal state of war, insurance companies must honor double indemnity clauses in policies of soldiers. . . . First case was decided in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the case of Andrew Beley, Pittsburgh, who was killed in Korea, March 9, 1951, and Clyde Harding, Pennsylvania National Guardsman, killed in a train wreck in Ohio on September 11, 1950. Chief Justice Horace G. Stern wrote majority opinion. . . . He cited that insurance policies in effect December 7, 1941, were paid because Congress did not actually declare war until the following day.

Second case was in Indiana Superior Court, Part 1, in which Judge Niblack ruled that Metropolitan Life Insurance Company cannot use a "war clause" to avoid double payment in the case of a soldier killed in action in Korea. . . . Decision was in suit of Mrs. Lulu P. McClintic, who sought to collect on the policy of her son, Sgt. Charles E. Anderson. . . . Insurance firm contended that "war clause" eliminated double indemnity when death came to a "member of the military services in time of war." . . . Judge Niblack ruled "what you (the insurance company) want is for the court to rule there is a state of war between the United States and some foreign power. To ask this court to assume the functions of the Congress of the United States is asking too much."

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PROGRESS IN PAYMENT OF COMBAT PAY:

Korean vets who applied for combat duty pay — which includes most combat servicemen who were discharged before the law was enacted — are advised that progress is being made in clearing the claims. . . . Defense Department units handling the claims had difficulty in determining combat units actually engaged and whose members were eligible. . . . This difficulty has been cleared to a great extent; the records have been cleared and applications are being processed at the rate of approximately 100 a day. . . . It is estimated that the Army will complete payment of the more than 100,000 claims by August.

NEW YORK REPORTS ON WW2 BONUS:

At the end of five years of operation, Veterans Bonus Bureau of New York reported that it had issued 1,555,265 WW2 bonus checks aggregating \$338,806,860.72. . . . State paid flat rates, \$50 for less than 60 days' service; \$150 for minimum of 60 days within the U. S., and \$250 for any foreign service. . . . No deadline for filing applications has been set. . . . Applications at the rate of 39 a week dribbled in during 1952. . . . From a peak of 1,200 employees handling bonus claims in 1948 the organization has dwindled to a unit of four. . . . It is estimated that 1,600,000 applications will be filed before the Bonus Bureau closes its books.

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VA ADVISES KOREA VETS ON SCHOOLING:

VA asks vets to use some of their own initiative and save time and trouble in applying for schooling or training under the Korean GI Bill by pointing out steps to be taken: . . . (1) Get a photostat or certified copy made of both sides of their discharge or separation papers. . . . This is needed to attach to the application. . . . (2) If sure of what training they want to take, find out whether the school or training establishment will accept them under the Korean GI Bill. . . . On the application form — obtainable from any VA office — a vet who has come to a firm decision as to his training goal must put it down. . . . He also must list the program of training that will help him reach his goal, as well as the name and address of the State-approved school or establishment where he plans to train. . . . Knowing these things in advance will save a lot of time when he files his application. . . . On the other hand, if he is not sure what he wants to take, and he'd like to get expert assistance in reaching a decision, he may receive vocational counseling from the VA. . . . In such case he should indicate in his training application that he wants counseling.

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LAST CALL FOR WW2 POW CLAIMS:

Deadline for filing claims for \$1.50 a day benefits by WW2 prisoners of war is just around the corner. . . . War Claims Commission urges all eligible vets or survivors to get their claims in the mails before April 9. . . . Commission cannot consider applications dated or postmarked after April 9. . . . Ex-POWs use WCC Form 611; survivors use WCC Form 660, both available from VA offices, vet organizations, Red Cross or from War Claims Commission, Washington 25, D. C. . . . All funds to pay both claims and the cost of processing are paid out of moneys accumulated from liquidated enemy assets confiscated by the U. S. during WW2.

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MICHIGAN BONUS DEADLINE JUNE 1:

Deadline for Michigan State bonus to WW2 service men and women is May 31. . . . Rates are \$10 per month for home service; \$15 for overseas, up to a maximum of \$500. . . . Next of kin of deceased eligible veterans may be paid sum to which the veteran was entitled, on proof of dependency. . . . New law provides payment to next of kin of servicemen who have died of service-connected causes since June 27, 1950, (Korea war). . . . Applications from Bonus and Military Pay Division, The Adjutant General's Office, Lansing 1, Michigan.

VA TO REMAIN AS IS, SAYS PRESIDENT:

Rumors of intent to dismember or to consolidate the Veterans Administration with a new Cabinet agency under the Social Security Department, have been floating around for some weeks. . . . Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Massachusetts, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, brought the question into the open on February 9 in a speech in the House: "I have heard a great many vague and disturbing rumors that there is under consideration the absorbing of the Veterans Administration, or large parts of it, by placing various functions in another department," said Mrs. Rogers. "I hope that will not be done. It will mean utter confusion. It will mean much poorer service for the veterans. It will be entirely unsatisfactory. They have called the horrible war in Korea a police action. If you do make the VA subordinate to some other department it will be giving these veterans police-action care in the United States. They deserve the best and it must be given them."

In his first press conference held on February 17, President Eisenhower was asked a direct question as to the intent of the Administration in reference to reorganization — the VA in particular. . . . The President did not answer the question at the conference, but a few hours later a statement was given from the White House that the VA will be retained as a single independent agency, and that there is no present intent to recommend transfer of any of its functions to the proposed new Department of Public Welfare, which will (if approved by Congress) have Cabinet status. . . . The answer of the President is in full conformity with the Republican platform declaration, adopted at the Chicago Convention, pledging that "the Veterans Administration be maintained as a single, independent agency in full charge of all veterans' affairs."

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AVERAGE AGE OF WAR VETERANS:

According to a survey made by VA, the average age of Korean war veterans is 22. . . . WW2 veterans average 33, and WW1 vets average 58 plus. . . . Spanish-American War veterans average 76, and Union vets of Civil War, with only two living, average 108 plus. . . . Figures are based on a national census of more than 20,500,000 living veterans — including 3,000,000 WW1, more than 15,000,000 WW2, and 1,200,000 Korean vets.

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PENSION PROPOSED FOR MEDAL OF HONOR MEN:

Congressional Medal of Honor Winners would get \$250 monthly pension for life if a bill introduced by Representative Olin E. Teague, Texas, is enacted. . . . His proposal (H.R. 2869) was referred to the House Veterans Affairs Committee for consideration. . . . Teague, minority member of the Committee, is a WW2 combat veteran.

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FARM PRIORITIES FOR WW2, KOREA VETS:

Twenty family-size farms in the Columbia Basin project in central Washington are open for purchase, with preference given to WW2 or Korean veterans. . . . Applications must be filed by April 3. . . . Farms are located about 150 miles southwest of Spokane, and vary in size from 40 to 120 acres. . . . Prices range from \$1,912 to \$4,580. . . . Information is available on this and other projects from Reclamation Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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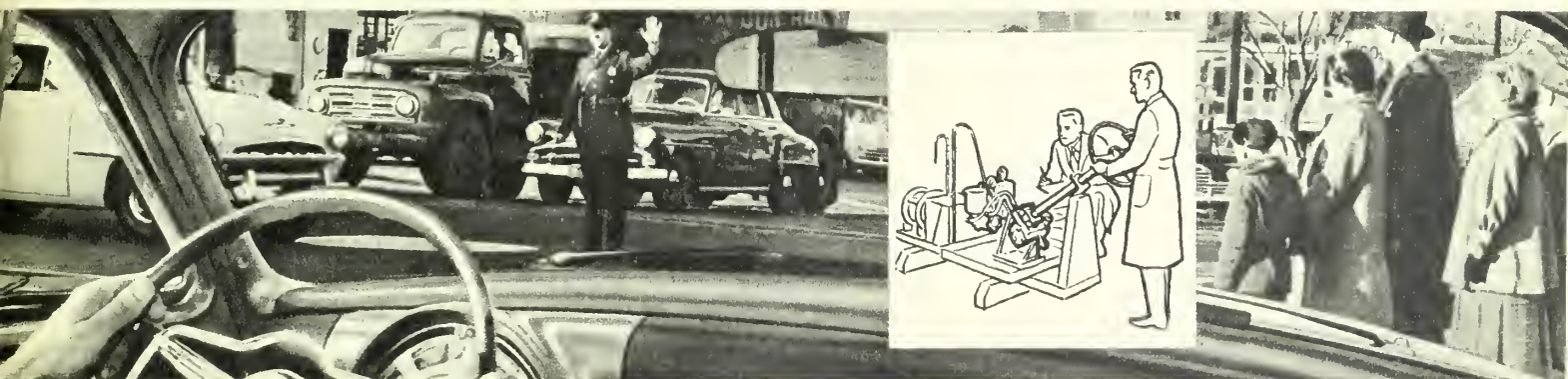
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What Have We Bought In Europe?

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desperately seeking markets for their products.

General Anders in London told me he estimated that the greater part of Poland's 65,000 tons of high seas shipping is engaged in running munitions and strategic cargoes from Europe to red China. Czech-produced arms and tanks go to Manchurian ports in Greek and other freighters for use against American troops in Korea. It is ironic to note in passing that while a nest of Greek shippers in London is cleaning up quick fortunes in this nefarious trade their own country continues to draw down sizeable MSA assistance to help fight communism in Greece. Tangiers is said to be another international smuggling nest for the sale and transfer to enemy hands of strategic U. S. materials.

The former sub-committee on export controls and policies under Senator O'Connor of Maryland during its brief life turned up much evidence of illicit trade with Iron Curtain countries. This sub-committee was barely able to lift one small corner of the curtain on economic blockade-running. It should be revived by the new Congress and given ample funds to finish the job. It did report that in the matter of effectively limiting or terminating the international trade in strategic materials with communist aggressor nations "the American public has not been adequately informed of the facts of the problem."

This sub-committee reported that the U. S. Navy knew of approximately 235 ships in the smuggling trade in 1951, of which 60 were Panamanian and some thirty under British registry. Shipping

jumped enormously during 1952, I was told in Europe, with some estimates running as high as one million tons now hauling every type of cargo to red China and other Soviet satellites. The O'Connor sub-committee lamented:

"It is most distressing to learn that U.N. flags were flying over ships in this nefarious trade."

Your National Commander on returning from Korea reported that American naval officers on duty in Asiatic waters were particularly incensed over the endless procession of foreign ships hauling deadly war cargoes to British Hong Kong and North Chinese ports.

Crossing the Channel to La Belle France I found that country to be an even weaker reed of support than England. Writing in the *U. S. News and World Report* recently, Maj. General J. F. C. Fuller, a retired British Army officer and acknowledged expert on psychological warfare, called France "an actual liability." Gen. Fuller wrote:

"A truly prudent commander, with advanced forces in Germany, would have to earmark several divisions to protect his lines of communication through France. There is too much danger of communist disruption and sabotage."

Asked whether he thought France could become strong again within a reasonable time, Gen. Fuller replied:

"I am pessimistic about that. It's been about 100 years, away back in the Crimean war, since France had genuine military vitality. Ever since 1870 the French have been slipping in terms of stability and power."

After talking with Americans who have lived there for years, I came away from France with equally pessimistic conclusions. Most of them, including a banker, felt that billions of American money poured into France since the end of the war had stuck pretty well at the top of the heap in the tightly clenched fists of the notoriously grasping upper middle class and industrialists. Despite rosy State Department reports and handouts, very little of American "pump-priming" money appears to have seeped down to the working class and low income groups. The Marshall Plan and its variously disguised successors were sold to Congress and the American people on the representation that only such economic blood transfusion could save French radical workers and poor peasants from falling into Stalin's evil clutches. It does not seem to have worked out that way.

Roughly five million Frenchmen or 28 percent of the electorate still vote the straight hammer and sickle ticket in national elections. With practically no unemployment or mass misery to prey upon such as in India and far poorer countries, the French communist party can still boast of 400,000 hardened, disciplined party members or about fifteen times as many as there are in the United States with nearly four times the population of France. And they all hate America with an abiding and bitter hatred.

To all this the French, naturally, have an answer. They claim that their war in Indo-China against the communists now going into its fifth year has cost them twice as much as they received in economic aid from the U. S. Besides, we tend to forget that poor Marianne bore the brunt of two world wars and invasions within a generation while faraway and fortunate America waxed fat and prosperous. As a result France is poor—terribly poor.

American bankers and economists snicker at that one. They claim that the thrifty and bank-leery French have salted away a tidy little sock of at least four or five to possibly as high as fourteen billion dollars in gold, U. S. banknotes, and other "hard" currencies. And further, every child in Europe knows that Frenchmen have an incurable allergy against paying income and any other avoidable taxes. Workers and low-salaried employees have their taxes deducted by the employer but all the rest are extraordinarily agile and elusive in their tax calculations.

The quickest and surest way for any French government to sign, stamp and seal its own death warrant is to propose even the most trifling tax increases



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or to suggest even the mildest sort of tax reorganization in order to curb and minimize mass evasion. If the French have no confidence in their own currency, government, and economic stability, why should Americans have any? And if they lack the will to fight in their own defense and the moral courage to curb their own enormous and dangerous fifth column, can American dollars make any difference?

As in England, the French attitude toward communists is weak-kneed, apathetic, and completely unrealistic. The communists have seen to it that no strong anti-communist movement or organization was permitted to rise after liberation. There are no anti-communist laws in France worth mentioning. In fact, there is still in effect a French

have lunch with him at the Presidential palace. The film comedian whose patriotic and war service record is nothing worth bragging about was also decorated with the Legion of Honor—a sort of supreme Gallic bit of humor.

However, in all fairness it must be recorded that at least part of France's inability and disinclination to curb Stalin's powerful fifth column can be laid at the door of official Washington. This is a bit of unknown and rather dirty history which has been carefully hidden from the American public for over eight years. It was common knowledge to American intelligence officers and others who were on the spot in 1944. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and other equally uninformed laypersons have frequently and lavishly praised "the magnificent resistance work of the gallant and fearless French communists during the nazi occupation and liberation." Or else they intimated that the communists were the staunchest and most daring of the French underground. *No greater hoax and swindle has ever been perpetrated on the American public.*

As a naval intelligence officer I knew that Gen. DeGaulle, as was true of our own OSS, *had to deal with the French communists in order to get his secret agents and couriers in and out of occupied France.* Thanks to a highly effi-

cient Soviet network of passport forgers and secret printing plants, the French communists in the underground were the only ones able to secure or fake the necessary documents and other papers so vitally important to outwit the alert and smart German secret police. It was also well known in intelligence circles that French communists with characteristic treachery promptly fingered the nazis and sure death all foreign agents and suspicious strangers not known to them or not "clearing" through their network.

During the hectic weeks that American armored columns smashed through to the Siegfried Line, a little-known massacre occurred on the heels of advancing U. S. troops that overshadows in horror even the Katyn Forest massacre of 15,000 Polish officers for sheer cynical ruthlessness and magnitude. The "gallant and courageous" French communists murdered in cold blood an estimated 112,000 "nazi collaborators." While some of these victims probably were Vichyites and collaborators a great majority of them were simply well-known anti-communists as innocent of any collaborationist taint as the anarchists, socialists, and other loyalist radicals murdered by the G.P.U. in Spain's Civil War on trumped-up charges of being "pro-Franco fascists."

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"Awright, Champ, down! DOWN Champ, DOWN!!!"

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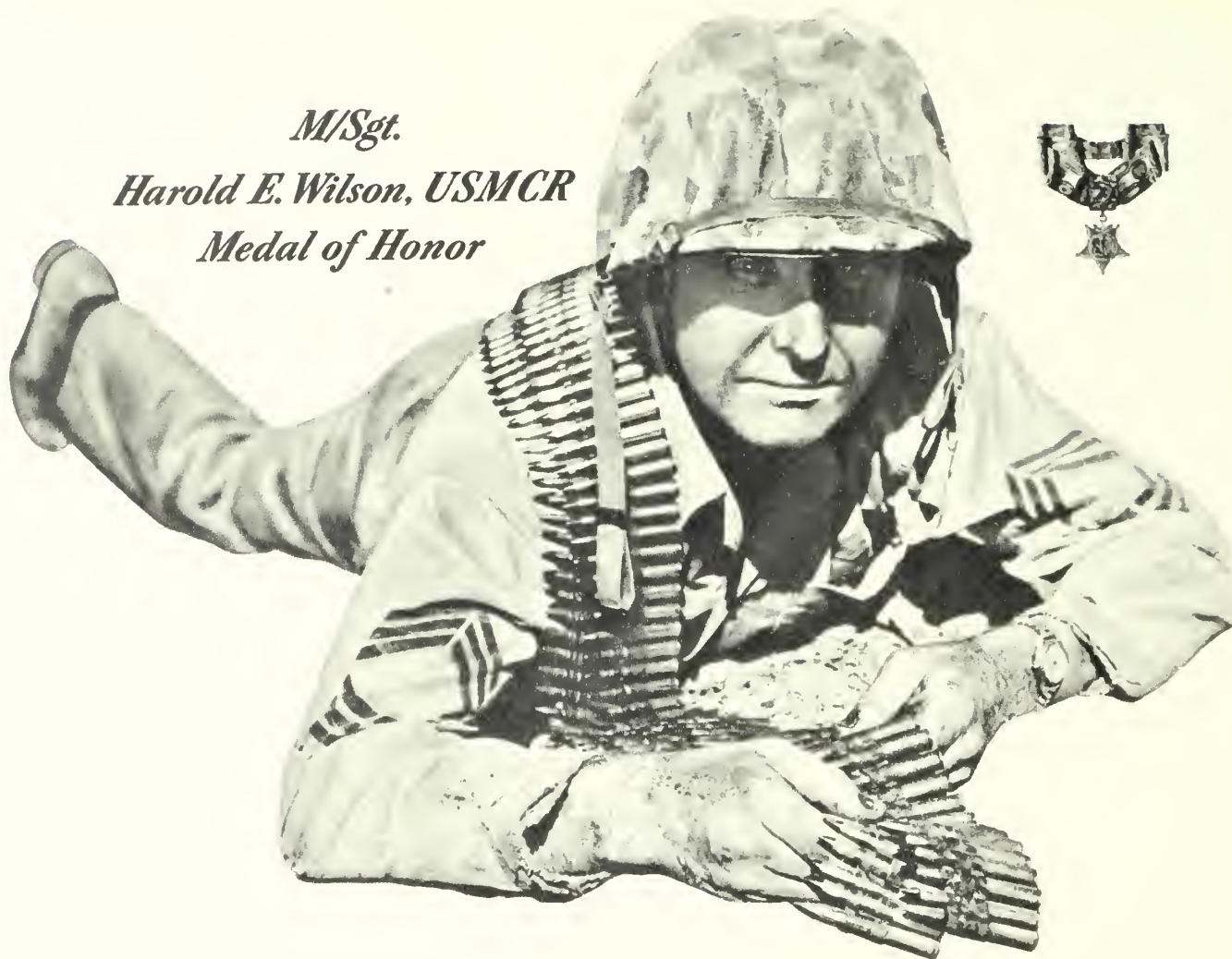
law which prohibits "collaborationists with any foreign totalitarian power" from holding office in French labor unions. The law curiously excludes collaborationists between 1939 and 1941, or the time when French communists collaborated with Russia during the Stalin-Hitler pact era. This law gives them virtual control of the French labor movement, and Uncle Sugar indirectly subsidizes communist French labor leadership because French unions receive direct financial subsidies from the government through representation on government agencies distributing various funds.

The French Parliament never dared to set up an official investigative body similar to our House Un-American Activities Committee. Communists can still hold most public offices in France and it is generally accepted that even the French Army officers' corps has been well infiltrated. President Auriol quickly joined Britain's nose-thumbing at America over the Chaplin incident by ostentatiously inviting Charlie to

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As the attack grew fiercer, a mortar shell blew him off his feet. Still, dazed

and weakened, he held on, leading the fight all night till the last Red assault was beaten off. At dawn, by sheer courage, the Sergeant had saved not only his position, but the precious lives of his men.

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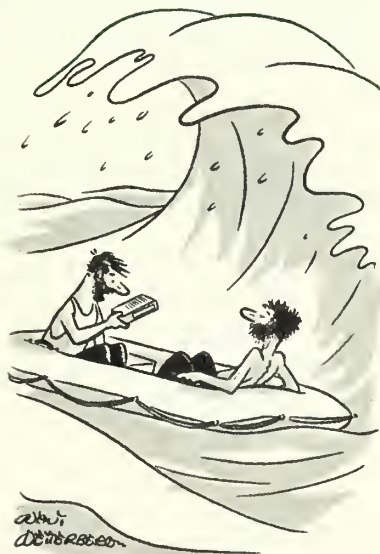


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In the course of a few weeks before French civil government could be restored and while American troops were busy fighting and chasing out the Germans, the "brave" French communist underground "fighters" not only settled old scores with all their enemies from left to right but in one "Operation Massacre" wiped out the flower of the potential anti-communist movement after the war. The communist mayor of Limoges, for example, boasted that he had personally liquidated sixty "collaborators."

Most of these victims were demo-



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cratic anti-communists and not even Vichyites.

These French communist murder squads used weapons which our OSS had air-dropped to them for use against the nazis. The communists also "liberated" billions of francs from French banks. Charles Tillon, recently purged from the French Politburo and a well-known terrorist, is now accused by his former communist pals of having embezzled large amounts of such "liberated" money. That is why the French underground branch of the C.P. has plenty of money and weapons today. They hoarded and saved their OSS and German-abandoned weapons for safer and better purposes than fighting the Germans. They left that to the Americans just as the Chinese reds left to Uncle Sam the problem of removing the Japanese invaders while they bided their time and conserved their resources for the overthrow and destruction of their own government.

The French commies, with characteristic gall, claimed for themselves the glorious and heroic record of the non-

communist Maquis, although many of their leaders were not even in France during the nazi occupation but hiding out in Russia. They left the dangerous job of fighting the nazis to their non-party allies.

This explains in part why the anti-communist movement and sentiment in France even today remains so weak and negligible. Our own government connived at getting Moscow-trained top rank communist leaders back into France and Italy at invasion level even before our own military government could move in or civil government be restored. This was not true, fortunately, in Holland, Belgium, Denmark, or Norway, where anti-communist civil governments were restored intact and Stalin's fifth column never got a good foothold.

The reason advanced by the State Department, which made such political considerations for the Armed Forces, was that communists were a vital and important part of "restoring democracy." Barring communists would be unfair and undemocratic. That is why Gen. Marshall told Chiang Kai-shek that he would have to accept communists in his government or all American aid would be cut off. While the facts of our State Department's coddling of Chinese communists as "agrarian reformers and democrats" is now fairly well documented and established beyond argument, I know of no Congressional investigation or findings which expose this little-known story of how Moscow-trained communist terrorists were expedited into France and Italy with our liberation armies. This explains the surprisingly fast post-war growth of the Italian and French communist parties.

Whether the communist party of France today is shrinking as measured by open membership and newspaper circulation or is still fairly stabilized is entirely immaterial. Such superficial and irrelevant criteria deceive and befuddle only the uninformed and novices. The underground of the French C.P. is well armed, well financed, fanatical, and ready on short notice to strike in the dark when word comes from the Kremlin. The Chinese communist movement was practically wiped out in 1927 by Chiang Kai-shek's counter revolution. It came back within twenty years to take over total power over all China. The Czecho-Slovak C.P. went through several crises and severe membership drops in its long history, only to seize power in January, 1948 without firing a shot or even working up a good sweat.

One of the main reasons why we continue to stumble from one reverse and disaster to another in the cold war is that our so-called "experts" on Soviet

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Russia and communism as well as the democratic-minded leaders whom they misadvise blindly continue to apply the democratic yardsticks and tests of free men and free elections to completely different Bolshevik totalitarianism.

After talking with knowledgeable Americans in France for four days I left with the feeling that our own military leaders' pessimism was probably justified. As one observer summed up the whole question, France in 1939 with a smaller population and no outside economic aid was able to train, arm, and place in the line 160 divisions. Today, eight years after liberation, France pleads total inability to meet the minimum N.A.T.O. requirements of ten divisions. Tiny Switzerland with one-tenth of France's population can mobilize and place in defense positions in one week 400,000 well-trained and armed citizen soldiers. The pessimism of our military is deepened by the fact that the divisions which France cannot raise for her own defense could easily be raised in badly-bled West Germany were it not for French opposition and obstruction.

Our official policy for West Germany as laid down by the State Department might also be given a close examination by some competent Congressional committee. The "inside job" so neatly done on China by a handful of obscure policy makers in the State Department which, as Whittaker Chambers points out, has changed the history of the world and the balance of world power against us, has now finally emerged into historical fact thanks to the splendid work of the McCarran Internal Security sub-committee. Were similar "honest mistakes" by so-called "experts" also made to our ultimate disadvantage in Germany? If many West Germans today are neutralists, pacifists, and anti-American in the struggle to save what is left of Europe is this the natural result of catastrophic defeat, saturation bombing, and general war-weariness or was it planned that

way by as yet unidentified policy makers and the European opposite numbers to Owen Lattimore, John Carter Vincent, John Stewart Service, and Lauchlin Currie?

The infamous Morgenthau Plan for reducing prostrate and dismembered Germany to a pastoral economy and halving its population by the simple process of planned starvation was presumably master-minded by Harry Dexter White, an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. White was named in sworn testimony shortly before his death as a Soviet agent. At Potsdam Mr. Truman agreed to a Soviet demand that 50 percent of all German industry be destroyed. Even soap and toy factories were razed. (When I tried to buy some toy soldiers for my boys in Frankfurt I was astonished to learn that as a part of their "democratic re-education," Germans had been prohibited since the war from making toy soldiers lest their children get militaristic ideas!)

Between 1945 and 1950 hundreds of German factories were dismantled and shipped to Russia as reparations. Now American taxpayers must produce millions of dollars to build new German factories in order to restore West German economy as part of the defenses of the West. Senators Jenner, Malone, Wherry, and Langer vainly protested against shipping German dismantled munitions plants to Russia as late as April, 1950, fully four years after Stalin had launched his cold war against the West. Germans also ask why we blew up their concrete bunkers and air raid shelters if they are to become part of the defense system against a threatened Russian thrust.

Then either at Potsdam or in the Four Power Allied Control Council we gave the German communists a nice break. All German newspapers required a special license. These were restricted in number. The Soviets insisted that 25 percent of these extremely valuable licenses should be reserved for the com-

munist press. (The commies don't have one-fourth of all the newspapers in West Germany, though, as all the licenses were not fully used or assigned by the authorities.)

The *Frankfurter Rundschau* and several other German papers were heavily colonized with Stalinists. American newsmen claim that the *Rundschau* received a lump sum subsidy of one million dollars from secret State Department funds. Germans distrusted it as obviously left-wing and nothing but a mouthpiece for Acheson. Some thirty other West German papers are similarly suspect. A Congressional investigation should be made into the whole West German press situation—their financial structures, subsidies, disbursements to questionable "public relations" outfits, personnel, editorial policies, news slanting, etc.

Such a probe would be inconclusive without a most thorough check into the backgrounds, qualifications, records, and policies of all the top political advisors to our Military Government and later on the High Commissioner's staff. It is notorious that our Military Government, which moved into Germany in 1945-'46, was loaded down with secret communist carpetbaggers who did a splendid job for Stalin in fouling-up and bedeviling American-German relations.

Germans claim that a whole class of small businessmen, the most stable and conservative element in Germany, is being squeezed to the wall by giant combines, some of which are backed by foreign capital. The weaker elements are seduced by busy and tireless communist proselytizers selling "revolution insurance." The communists assure these men that when the Soviets roll in it will prove to have been a sound business hedge to carry secret C.P. cards or to have made financial contributions to the communist kitty. They also whisper that secret C.P. businessmen may be left some if not most of their property. Or if their businesses are nationalized they will receive just compensation and pensions as deserving party members whereas the others will simply be expropriated and sent to work on the highways or in the mines. In Hamburg alone some 300 businessmen are reliably reported to be crypto-communists. Many French industrialists and businessmen are also said to have made similar Faustian bargains with the Mephisto of the Kremlin.

How effective is our political warfare in West Germany against that of the Soviets? If it is as successful as its apologists claim, why are we still losing the cold war? Visits to Radio Free Europe, the American Committee for Liberation of the Peoples of Russia in

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"Help, somebody!!!"

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the most extreme changes shown by the barometer during the course of a year. Both bluegills and crappies seem to bite a little better in the light of the moon than in the dark of the moon but the average difference was only a few percent. Further, confirmed anglers fishing one or more times each week had no better luck than persons who fished only a few times a year.

This is the first conclusive evidence I've ever seen on the subject. What do you think? Does weather affect fishing?

The Intelligencer:

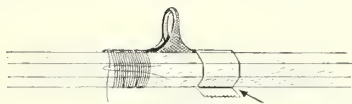
Hunters need to take precautions if game they shoot shows signs of disease. For example, a South Dakota deer hunting party shot a large buck which apparently had been wounded earlier. However, when the deer was dressed out, symptoms of blackleg were noticed. Laboratory diagnosis confirmed the presence of the disease in the deer.

The territory of Hawaii reports that no case of rabies has ever been observed on the island. The absence of the disease may be accounted for by the isolated position and rigid observance of regulations regarding the importation of animals.

An extract from okra has proved valuable in cases of shock in small animals. The extract is used instead of blood plasma for dogs and has proved an inexpensive, readily available agent for emergencies.

Medicine for pet birds should be in liquid form. An eye-dropper should be used with the free end of the dropper utilized to pry the beak open. Careless treatment might bring fatal results if the medicine should reach the air sacs.

A Tulsa, Oklahoma, cobbler has a thriving business making shoes for hunting dogs. The shoemaker has fitted about 2,000 dogs and helped them go back into the field, following foot injuries from rough, rock terrain.



Mr. James F. Gannon has a tip that will be of help to fishermen who are getting their rods in shape this month.

He says, "When overhauling your fishing rod, if you find that it needs new silk wrapping, here's a way to make the job easy. Place the guides where you want them and wrap scotch tape around one end of the guide. This will hold it steady and in place while you wrap one end, wrapping the other end will be a cinch.

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If you have problems or questions connected with the outdoors: hunting, fishing, dogs, etc., don't hesitate to send them on to The Outdoor Editor, American Legion Magazine, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N. Y. We will do our best to help. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.

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Munich, U.S.I.S. libraries in several cities, and talks with both officials directing and defending their various programs as well as outsiders and neutral observers, left me with mixed impressions.

The effectiveness of both Voice of America and Radio Free Europe is hard to evaluate because of the difficulty of measuring their impact behind the Iron Curtain. Both quote jamming statistics, letters from listeners, diplomatic protests, counter-propaganda blasts, and interviews with escapees as indicators of their hitting power. V.O.A., however, admits that it did not receive a single letter from the U.S.S.R. last year and only a dwindling handful from Soviet satellites. The communist secret police and mail censorship are too effective.

Radio Free Europe's broadcasts by policy are limited to the East European satellites, mainly Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland. They may not beam their programs at Russia itself or at Soviet troops in occupied countries. Just why the Soviets are out of their target area I was unable to learn. V.O.A. seems to be well organized and well operated from a technical standpoint and it is doing a far better job ideologically today than it did a few years ago.

Its greatest handicap, most effectively hobbling it, has been that all top level decisions are made by the State Department, which meant Mr. Acheson. And as long as the Dean of Appeasement clung to a policy of trying to win over and mollify the Kremlin by doing nothing to arouse or antagonize Stalin, the V.O.A. remained a sounding board for ineane and useless programs. During a two-day inspection of V.O.A. facili-

ties in New York I was convinced that it was doing a good job and that the directing staff would initiate a more dynamic and aggressive line of action once the iron collar clamped on by Acheson was removed by a change of Administration.

Similarly, Radio Free Europe's plant and operations at Munich from a purely technical standpoint seem above criticism. But its ideological control and direction were harder to assess. Informed close observers and former officials complain that socialist émigrés and narrow political cliques wield an undue and unhealthy influence over both personnel hired and program planning. Political factions naturally tend to find jobs for their own adherents and friends and to cut the throats of all oppositionists and outsiders.

In Frankfurt I made a most disconcerting discovery. Neither the Army's Special Services library nor the U. S. Information Service library housed in a mansion carried *The American Legion Magazine* in their racks. Nor could I find *The Freeman*, *National Republic*, or *New Leader*. Both, however, carried the *Nation*, *New Republic*, *U.N. World* and *Reporter*. Both were well stocked with the books of such well known southpaw literati as Owen Lattimore, Carey McWilliams, Jack Belden, Harrison Forman, Anna Louise Strong, Edgar Snow, William Mandel (known C.P. member) and others.

Contrary to reports that neither of these libraries supported by U. S. tax money carried any anti-communist or true and factual books on Russia, I did find a few volumes by D. J. Dallin, Arthur Bliss Lane, Kravchenko, Budenz, and James Burnham. Very few of these anti-communist books, however, were



"Well! Let's see what lurks beneath the mushroom sauce tonight."

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of recent date. The Munich U.S.I.S. library was better stocked and even carried Whittaker Chambers' *Witness*. All the libraries were otherwise well stocked with "non controversial" books and seemed well conducted. All U.S.I.S. libraries have prominent U.N. and UNESCO displays, as befits a State Department adjunct.

Disappointed by the relative paucity of any considerable number of sound and objective books on Russia and world communism, I hopefully asked for the McCarran committee hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations totalling some fifteen fat volumes. I got another shock. None of the libraries had ever heard of the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee. Nor did they have a single copy of any of the several hundred reports and hearings published by the House Un-American Activities Committee during the past fourteen years! Congressmen who approve and appropriate the millions necessary to run these U.S.I.S. libraries will no doubt be surprised to learn that none of their congressional reports seem to be able to get through an iron curtain of our own in a State Department sub-division which stocks and controls some 192 of these libraries all over the world. A top U.S.I.S. official in Washington when questioned about this claimed that experience had shown that there was practically no demand for such Congressional reports.

The U.S.I.S. library service in Washington used the Legion's recommended book list last year to the extent of sending 8,684 copies of the various titles to their overseas libraries. They also claim that nineteen of these anti-communist books were translated into many foreign languages and reprinted in cheap paper editions running to a total of well over a million copies, mainly for Asiatic readers.

The librarian who tried to help me at Munich hopefully searched the pamphlet collection but the folder marked "Communism in the U. S." was as empty as Mother Hubbard's proverbial cupboard. German readers are therefore left with the inference that communism in the U. S. is non-existent, entirely a figment of Senator McCarthy's imagination. A quicker-witted French librarian in the Paris U.S.I.S. library thought she had a good explanation. The library was designed to show only the better side of America to the French. Communism was definitely unmentionable, so they carried nothing on the subject. Asked whether by any chance they carried some good books on crime and prostitution in the United States she was quite sure I would find these subjects listed in the card catalog.

Returning to Washington, I got still another explanation. Paris was an un-

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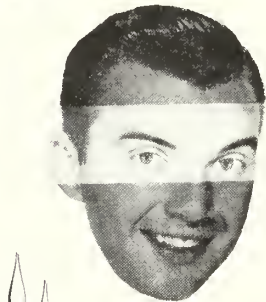
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fortunate exception. The U. S. Embassy there by policy had decided that inasmuch as the Soviets directed most of their scurrilous printed propaganda against America, Uncle Sam would demonstrate his moral superiority and nobility by studiously refraining from such low squabbling and not carry any books or magazines critical of the Soviets. This one, of course, deserves some sort of prize.

Nevertheless the Paris library was well stocked with American magazines — 518 more or less. It required a 28-page catalog to list them all, from the *A.M.A. Otolaryngology Archives* to the *Welding Journal*. But no *American Legion Magazine*! Nor, needless to add, any other anti-communist or anti-socialist publications.

If there is a scarcity of sound books, magazines and government reports with factual information on communism in our U.S.I.S. libraries abroad, there most positively is no scarcity of U. S. government employees. American taxpayers support an estimated army of 100,000 American civilians in Europe all eating high on the hog. U. S. officials and dignitaries fall over each other in Paris, London, Bonn, Rome, and elsewhere. And their duties are so onerous and burdensome that it requires an additional army of 200,000 Europeans to carry on the work load and to cater to and care for the Yanks abroad. A nation which can maintain such a vast and expensive army of drones and boondoggles must obviously have inexhaustible financial resources.

It should be remembered that in bombed-out Germany every habitable room and hole in the basement is at a premium. Whole families are forced to

share rooms in some areas. Wholesale commandeering of whole blocks of the best houses and apartments has naturally created widespread German animosity. The Soviet slogan "Ami Go Home!" sounds good to even an anti-communist German living with his family in some hole in the wall whose own house has been taken over by the "Amis" years ago and still not returned.

The effectiveness or futility of our psychological warfare against the Soviets can in part be gauged by the number of defectors fleeing Russia for the West. No figures are harder to dig out. Three separate, well-informed sources were positive that the full flood tide of thousands fleeing to the West for asylum in 1946-'48 dried up to less than twenty last year! While thousands still flee from the Iron Curtain satellites practically none escape from Russia or the red army any more.

Experts attribute this to three main factors. One, our criminal policy of forced repatriation agreed to at Yalta, which caused thousands of innocent escapees to lose their lives, has undoubtedly made a deep impression on all Russians. Why should they trust us now? Two, the Soviet secret police have tremendously tightened up their border controls and red army surveillance. Future Gouzenkos and Kravchenkos are going to be rare. Three, the fact that we apparently have no plans or discoverable policy of counter-psychological warfare against the Kremlin. This is disclosed, anti-Soviet Russians in Germany told me, by the fact that our intelligence agencies appear to be interested only in the endless extraction of information from defectors and escapees but obviously have no plans of



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utilizing them against the Soviet apparatus. Defectors and escapees are either turned adrift on an unfriendly German economy to shift for themselves or are shipped to Canada, Brazil, or elsewhere to become laborers or farmers, and hence a total loss to us.

All this has naturally leaked back to Russia and in turn has practically dried up the potential stream of knowledgeable defectors. These escapees not only want to make a break for freedom but want to organize on European soil close to the Iron Curtain a dynamic and effective counter-organization aimed at the destruction of the communist regime and the liberation of their homeland. The Kersten Amendment setting aside \$100,000,000 for just that purpose was immediately sabotaged by the Ad-

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And get this—No refreshments will be served until the meeting is over—So, you might as well stay set!!



(From March, 1938 A.L.M.)

ministration after Vishinsky screamed in protest. Congressman Kersten told me that \$4,333,333.33 had been used by President Truman to evacuate Iron Curtain country escapees to various countries under the President's Escapee Program or P.E.P. in direct violation of the intent and purpose of the Kersten Amendment. The remaining \$95,666,666.67 appropriated by Congress is just lying around unused and "high and dry."

The same "Let's not do anything to offend Mr. Stalin or to arouse Mr. Vishinsky" policy of Acheson is glaringly exposed by another curious decision. That is our consistent refusal to organize and use several hundred thousand Poles, Balts, and other anti-communist fighters now rotting in despair all over West Europe. We have spent seven futile years and untold billions trying to wheedle ten divisions out of France—without success. Yet there are an estimated 350,000 or more East European anti-Soviet fighters with families behind the Iron Curtain whom we refuse to organize into what Senator Lodge called a "Freedom Corps" under U. S. Army officers and control.

General Anders told me in London that he has 160,000 able-bodied Poles with military experience in Western Europe. Some 5,300 are officers—all that are left of the Polish officers' corps.

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The rest perished in Stalin's monstrous Katyn Forest massacres you read about in this magazine, after it had been kept from the American public for almost ten years. Perhaps the present Congress and Administration will give more favorable consideration to Senator Lodge's "Freedom Corps" resolution than it received in 1950.

Space limitations prohibit more than a cursory sentence or two of comment on a few of the forty or more American agencies working in Europe at various relief and propaganda levels. The American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia with headquarters at Munich was just in the throes of setting up shop when I paid them a surprise visit last October. Questions as to policy and just what they proposed to do to liberate Russia were referred to the head office in New York.

The Tolstoy Foundation and the American Friends for Russian Freedom are quietly doing an efficient job in caring for Soviet escapees and D.P.'s. Outside of security clearance and intelligence appraisal, the task of caring for defectors from Iron Curtain countries should be entrusted to the various voluntary agencies already working in the field under safeguards to be set up by us.

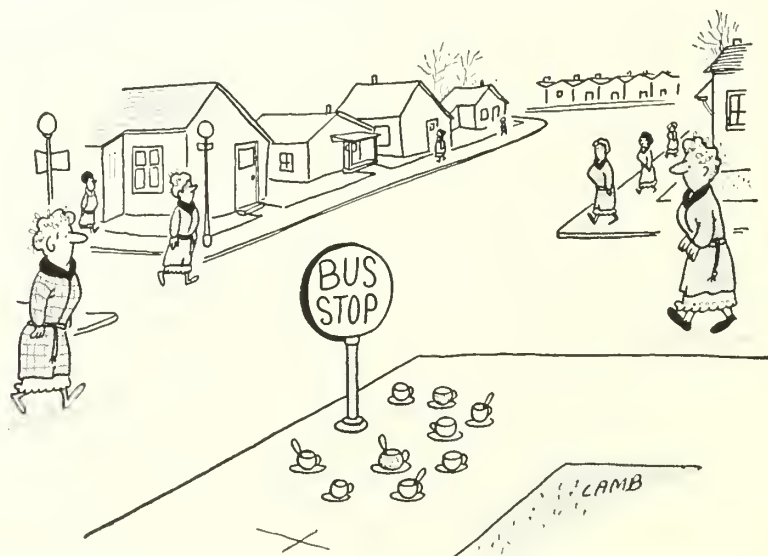
Conclusion. What Europe needs is not more American dollars but more backbone. Many Europeans frankly admit that what they now expect from us is not more money but a clearly defined and boldly stated strategic plan for political and psychological warfare against the Soviet Empire. Europeans can themselves decide what to do and what they can contribute if Uncle Sam himself will say just what he proposes to do about Russia. Thus far our various agencies, official, quasi-official, and private, have acted as *independent*

tactical units without any over-all strategic coordination.

A highly-placed American official in Paris told me that the British with less than one hundred million a year to spend and less than 1/100th of our personnel were probably doing a far better job than our vast rabbit warren of multiple and overlapping agencies and functions costing the American taxpayer billions a year. Another non-government expert on the Soviets who works closely with the underground resistance movements estimated that \$100,000,000 spent on implementing the Kersten Amendment of subsidizing and fostering subversion, diversion, and counter-political warfare *inside* the Iron Curtain and using almost exclusively European volunteers would be far more productive of tangible results than all the billions now being misspent.

Newspapermen and non-government Americans in Europe estimate that our vast, top-heavy, and over-salaried army of bureaucrats could be cut to one-third its present size without seriously jeopardizing the legitimate functions and work to be done. Various straws in the wind and Washington whispers indicate that the new Administration already knows all this and that the 83rd Congress will wield a ruthless pruning hook on the U. S. Gravy Train in Europe allegedly "saving Europe from communism" but in reality lapping the heavy cream off the top of our economic-aid-to-Europe program. West Germany and not France is the strategic keystone of West Europe's defenses against the red tide from the East. It is not too late to set up an intelligent policy to win German support, but if the present "1946" policy is continued we need expect nothing but another Locarno. Such a Soviet-German rapprochement would spell disaster for Europe.

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How To Visit Men In VA Hospitals

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more. Mabel came in one Sunday afternoon. They had some sharp words. A hospital ward isn't a good place in which to settle such difficulties. Mabel left and never came back. In time Eddie was discharged. I like to think they're together in that bungalow again and his and her relatives have all gone fishing. But I may never know.

When we men lie awake in the night

and hear a buddy who's having a nightmare cry "Let me out of here," we feel a chill that is induced by only one other similar cry. That's the shrill voice of the self-appointed spokesman for the taxpayer who is never lacking in oratory about the cost of veterans' medicine. Whether you are related to the hospitalized veteran by blood, work, or voluntary association, you can do the

most to still both cries. You can silence that self-appointed spokesman by proving you the taxpayer can do something about it more directly than he. For when you make your visits to old GI Joe so exhilarating that he wants to know, "When are *you* coming back?" you've cut down the time Joe will have to stay in that VA hospital. And that's all to the good.

THE END

Engineers Wanted

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recently found in a survey that the divorce rate is lower among engineers than for any other profession or occupation.

Although he might seem like a Casper Milquetoast to his neighbors, the model engineer is a real ball of fire on the job, whether he is an expert in greases, or has helped develop the atomic bomb. Some kinds of engineers are scarcer than others these days. Experts in electronics, aeronautics, and mechanical engineering are at the top of the scarcity list. Some chemical and petroleum firms want pure scientists and research men who have doctors' degrees. And to

make matters tougher for private industry, the government is luring young graduates, which increases the competition for manpower. Many seniors find it hard to resist the attraction and excitement of government work in atomic energy and guided missiles and rockets.

Young men, fresh out of high school, needn't lose heart if they can't see their way through college, and cash in on the boom in engineering. Industry has a raft of jobs that are open for them, too — jobs that fall in a niche between skilled, hourly workers and the salaried college grads. Technician is the name that most companies give to this kind of

employee. In plants and laboratories, technicians perform experiments in electronics, chemistry, and mechanics under the direction of experienced engineers. Or they work at drafting boards on blueprints, or handle the complicated operations that control the quality of products in a plant. They have usually landed these jobs with the help of company training programs, or by upgrading themselves through personal studies. Sometimes their pay and working conditions are equal to those of novice engineers.

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industry has tried in order to lure engineers and technicians. The whole program of recruiting has used nearly every medium that's available. From Pittsburgh last year, Westinghouse Electric Corp. launched a nation-wide series of ads in about 70 newspapers, 30 technical magazines, and a limited number of radio and TV stations, all aimed at hiring technical manpower.

In Cincinnati, the Crosley Division of Avco Mfg. Corp. has gone one better, and tried a fancy commercial on video. The Crosley ad worked like this: The viewer who is looking for greener pastures in engineering calls a 'phone-answering service, gives his name, personal data, and vocational qualifications. All this is recorded. The records go to the personnel man at Crosley, who reviews them, 'phones likely applicants.

The high school student is the latest target in industry's campaign to ease the shortage. Industrialists and educators in various parts of the country have joined forces to get teen-agers interested in engineering careers. The methods of their programs differ a little from state to state. But, generally, they are all based on the idea that a student probably won't sign up for engineering in college unless he has taken scientific courses in high school. Some companies promote science courses in school by offering plant tours to the student. That gives young men a chance to watch engineers at work and see the products that they help design. Other firms furnish materials such as booklets and simple exhibits to the schools, and in that way tie in everyday engineering with classroom work.

Chicago students can attend panel discussions sponsored by the Chicago

Technical Council, an association of all the engineering societies in the city. The meeting is called the Chicago-Area Career Conference, is publicized by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and is held at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Top-flight men in business, industry, and professional life guide the discussions among the students. The talks bring out the variety of engineering and scientific jobs that are available to the students, and give them firsthand pictures of the working day of chemists, tool engineers, or electronics specialists.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. likes to approach the students through their teachers. Faculty groups are invited to trips through the plant, see movies of the company's products at work, and are given the chance to ask questions. The idea is that the interest that's aroused in the teachers will eventually be passed along to the students.

Before the present shortages, the jobs of most engineers and scientists were a combination of straight engineering, paper work, and some managerial duties. Then, few engineers used more than a fraction of their technical experience in their eight-hour day. Much of their time was taken up with trivial things such as making out forms, or handling routine projects.

Today, though, nearly all the time of an engineer is devoted to straight engineering work. The average man puts in a full eight hours at his own special field, whether he is in research, design, or plant operations. The paper work and simple technical work has been turned over to administrative personnel or semi-skilled workers. Consequently, industry has found that the economic use of existing engineers has

taken some of the bite out of its shortage.

Young engineers, fresh out of college, shouldn't expect to step into full-time jobs when they sign up with a company. They are usually shown the company ropes before tackling engineering projects. Their first assignments are mostly familiarization courses, or training at drafting and blueprint work. Many grads are reluctant to start at the bottom of the ladder, with positions a mite lower than their expectations at graduation. Auto and airplane manufacturers, however, have tried sugarcoating the beginner's pill. The Detroit auto companies call their novices "automobile engineer designers." And some airplane firms have given the label of junior engineering to most drafting work.

Actually, the future of the engineers market is a lot rosier than the picture that's painted by past statistics on manpower. Last fall, the deans of engineering schools breathed a sigh of relief, their first in a long time, after looking over their enrollment figures. September's freshman classes were up over those of 1951, some as much as 55 percent. The experts in manpower and education have come up with a few different answers to the sudden rush to engineering courses. Mostly, the propaganda about the engineer shortage has begun to sink in, and is now catching the attention of high school seniors. Korean vets, eligible for education under the GI Bill, are just now beginning to hit the universities and colleges. And the over-all prosperity of the U. S. is making it possible for more families to send their children to college.

The young sprouts of grade-school age also show some promise of swelling the engineering ranks when they reach the college level. *Boys' Life*, the official magazine of the Boy Scouts of America, polled its readers last summer, and uncovered some good news for engineer-starved industry. The magazine asked a cross-section of its readership—boys whose ages range from 11 to 17 years—the question: "What sort of work do you think you will do when you get older?"

Engineering and scientific work was at the top of the list of the boys' preferences. The poll found that nearly 30 percent of the boys want to get into this field. A cross-check of the returns also shows that the interest in technical jobs increases slightly with age. Most of the young scouts said that "interest and appeal" were the basis for their choice. The remainder held that the vocation had the best chances for advancement and pay. Now, the job of industry is to make sure that the youngsters don't change their minds.

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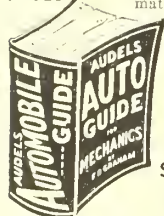
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Trolling Takes 'Em

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at a stretch, an outboard is a must. Three to five horsepower is sufficient. You can buy a trolling plate which will permit you to slow the motor to any desired speed. Some motors are effectively constructed with the trolling fisherman in mind, and the plate isn't necessary. But it is necessary for you to learn to handle the boat and your trolling rod and line as a unit. For example, the speed of your boat should always be timed with the depth of your line and the length you have trailing so that your lure or bait is always just temptingly above the bottom or weed-bed.

With an outboard it is also possible to troll two rods, thus increasing your chances. Say you are trolling along, motor humming and you get a strike. First thing you should do is to stop the motor and tilt it out of the water so that the fighting fish can't tangle your line and stop your fishing for the day. Play your fish from the stern of the boat. Both you and the boat are better balanced that way and you have a wider area to swing the fish in.

If the hooked fish moves into heavy cover such as a weed bed, move your boat directly over the spot and pull your line easily in various directions until it comes free. Don't sulk back in your boat and mule the line until you've snapped it and lost the bait, your temper and the fish.

The outboard also helps fatten your catch. Note the spot where you've just landed the big one, swing your boat away, circle and troll through the same area. Many fish are gregarious and come in schools. Your powered boat makes it a cinch to fish out an area until you are sure there isn't any more business.

Your motor will come to your aid if your line becomes twisted while trolling. Remove the lure and let the line trail behind the boat; keep your motor at medium speed and the water and forward movement will take the twist out of your line nicely.

The Shakespeare people drop pearls of wisdom: The one fundamental requirement of good trolling, they say, is that the trolling rod be balanced to the weight of the lure you are using and the speed at which you troll. Time will tell you about the right amount of shimmy at the rod tip when correct boat speed is reached. A rod that is too soft in the butt section will bow so far that there is no strength or backbone left to set the hook and absorb the shock of the fish. The ideal trolling rod should have just enough bow in it at trolling speed so that when the fish strikes, the rod can naturally be far enough to absorb the shock and set the

hook. The thing to avoid is having so soft a rod the line has to take the entire blow of the striking fish, rather than having the resiliency of the rod absorb it. Then, again, if the rod is too stiff, it fails to bend in response to the strike of a fish and the line takes the beating.

With the spinning rod and reel a normal cast will put your lure as far out as you want.

When you feel that you have enough line out, engage the pick-up finger simply by turning the reel handle. This will stop the line from going out, except for the obvious fact that the handle can still turn backward. To prevent this, on most spinning reels you engage the anti-reverse clutch. Now the line will only run out under drag control and the reel handle will not turn in reverse. But it is also necessary to keep the drag tension tight enough to set the hook but not so tight that the fish can snap the line when he strikes. When you get a strike, you'll hear the drag click in the spool as the line starts out.

Men who go to school to learn how fish think, the aquatic biologists of the various states' conservation departments, have ideas about trolling.

Richard H. Stroud, Chief Aquatic Biologist of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation says:

"Trolling is practiced in most of Massachusetts' waters for chain pickerel, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and certain panfishes particularly white perch and, to a lesser degree, yellow perch. Many rainbow and brown trout are taken by trolling in such of these waters as are annually stocked by the state (55 ponds in 1952). Most trolling is shallow trolling with cloth line in depths of water seldom over 15 feet. Deep trolling is occasionally practiced with good results for trout. Recently opened Quabbin Reservoir (Central Mass.) provides new opportunities for deep trolling and has produced interesting results in the form of big strings of both white perch and yellow perch ranging from 1 to 3 pounds in weight. At the same time a generous sprinkling of large pickerel and bass is an ever-present possibility."

Edward J. Longtin, Aquatic Biologist of the Fisheries Research Unit of the state of Minnesota, offers this lore:

"In Minnesota trolling is applied mainly to three types of fish—northern pike (and musky), walleyed pike and lake trout. Depending on the species sought, the gear and techniques differ.

"Northern pike are found during the fishing season in shallow water, generally associated with weed beds. Trolling is done back and forth parallel to the bed and close enough so the lure can

attract pike lurking in and about the weeds. As to lures—almost anything with hooks. However, as a guess, I would say that the daredevil takes more northern pike in Minnesota than any other one lure. One thing we have observed in our work about the lakes is that most fishermen seem to troll too fast.

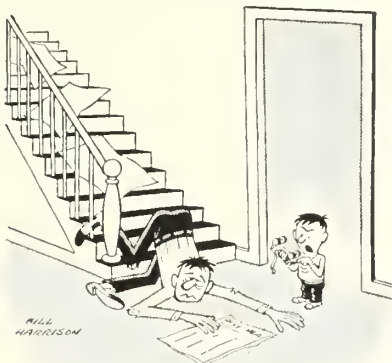
“Trolling for walleyed pike is done at a medium depth near rocky or sandy bars as the walleye is generally found associated with this type of lake bottom. For this species trolling should be slow. Good results are obtained fishing close to the bottom. I often troll for walleyes using wind-drift as the only means of moving the boat. It is my impression that live baits are best for walleyes, but artificials of the flat-fish type have become quite popular with walleye fishermen in recent years.

“Trolling for lake trout has developed into a particular brand of fishing all its own. During most of the season the fish are caught in very deep water and copper or monel lines with heavy rods and reels are required to stand the strain. In Lake Superior and other larger inland trout lakes this type of fishing is often called ‘Deep Sea Fishing.’ During certain periods of the year the trout are in shallow water and can be taken on lighter trolling gear with a great deal of sport involved. Spoon

and spinners are the principal types of lures used.”

New Jersey’s Fisheries Biologist Roland F. Smith says his state is well adapted for trolling:

“Contrary to popular opinion, large



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pickerel in our New Jersey lakes will not usually be taken in shallow, weedy areas. They are fished deep, fifteen to twenty feet of water—sometimes deeper, and in areas that one would usually fish for small mouth bass. This is why most of the large trout that are caught in New Jersey lakes are caught by

pickerel fishermen—those who know where to fish for the big ones. Live bait is used for the most part, although the common pickerel lures will be effective, depending on the season.

“Bass anglers in this state fall into two categories—the ‘buggers’ and the bait casters using artificial lures. In many of our lakes that appear to be more suitable for smallmouth bass, the large-mouths seem to have taken over and will be caught in areas normally considered smallmouth habitat—along with big pickerel.

“We have few ‘open’ lakes that can be considered good smallmouth waters. Trolling with a panfish master (weighted a little so it hits bottom occasionally) has been found effective. Alternate between the light and dark model. I would like to see more people using leeches (blood suckers) around here. They make excellent bait up north and are obtained by dropping horse-meat into water near a weedy area.

“It is my belief that more trout should be taken in lakes during the summer. In general, our lakes become deficient in dissolved oxygen during the summer and trout are found in the ‘intermediate’ level. This is where people should troll for them—not on the bottom.”

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"Some ten to fifteen thousand spring chinook salmon are caught annually in the Willamette River near Portland from March to May. Single or double-headed spinners of many sizes and finishes are the accepted lures. Some anglers swear by the wobbler type.

"The tackle is quite heavy. Steel, glass, and bamboo rods are all used in many sizes. The most common length is around five feet. Star drag reels are in favor. From 150 to 200 yards of line is necessary, and it should test to 36 pounds. Several salmon exceeding 60 pounds were caught last season.

"Trolling is one method employed in taking the coastal cutthroat trout or 'blueback' as it is known in some localities. These trout are caught in coastal bays and streams including the Columbia River, where they are referred to as 'harvest trout.' Favorite lures are double spinners with a trailing bait of night crawlers, flatfish, or similar types.

"In the Cascade Mountain Range there are large lakes and rehabilitated reservoirs. Large rainbow trout, eastern

brook, and brown trout are taken from these waters. Trolling is practiced to a great degree. A variety of lures is used with spinner and worms in greatest favor. Streamer flies are trolled in some lakes with success. The coachman and caddis bucktails seem to be the favorite choice.

"Mackinaw or lake trout can be taken in several large lakes in the Cascades. This fishery is just developing and much experimenting with lures attends this development. Weighted lines are generally used with pearl finish wobblers as the most favored lure."

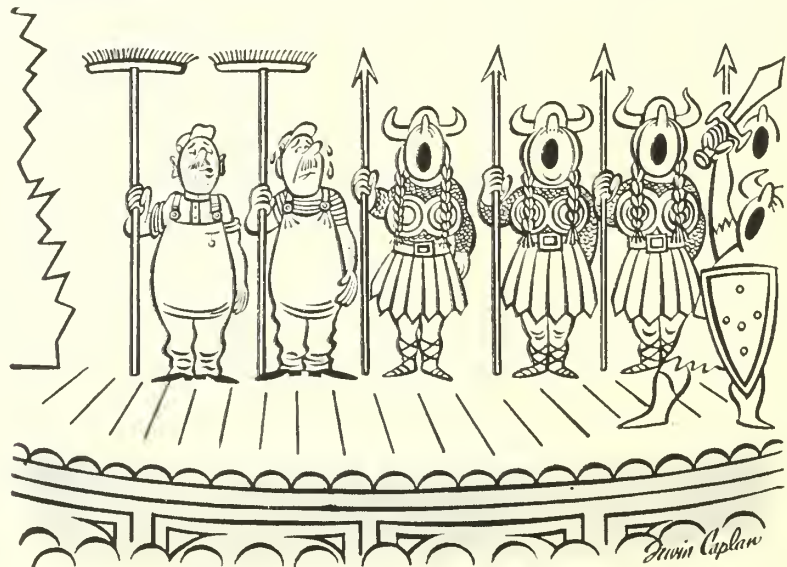
The Fish Management Supervisor for Ohio, Robert Cummins, Jr., paints a pretty picture of trolling possibilities:

"There are numerous methods used for angling in Lake Erie, but since the trolling season comes at a peak in the vacation season, it is perhaps more popular than most other methods.

"The two predominant species of fish to be taken by trolling are the yellow and blue pikeperch. As the water becomes warm during the summer months the fish move into deeper water. This is when trolling begins, in about thirty feet of water along rocky or ledge bottoms. The more successful anglers fish their baits among the rocks. There are various systems of weights and spreaders used which take the baits to the required depth in an untangled condition.

"A flatfish baited with worms seems to be the most widely used. Since many baits are necessarily lost while fishing close to the rocks, a combination of hook, inexpensive spinner (resembling a June Bug spinner) and common sinker is used.

"Ordinarily the artificial lures are baited with worms or a hook baited with a large minnow is attached two or three feet above the flatfish. In this



"Just brazen it out, this act is almost over."

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way it is not uncommon to hook the fish 'following up,' thereby making a double catch."

Most of the states will give you trolling information if you ask for it. Address your letter to the Department of Conservation, Fisheries Division, to the capital city of the state you are interested in and inclose an addressed, stamped envelope for return.

Here is lead-off information which may give you the push you need.

There is a great deal of trolling in Missouri, particularly in the summertime, on such as Lake of the Ozarks, Clearwater Reservoir, Lake Wappapello, Lake Taneycomo and the two lakes they share with Arkansas — Norfolk and Bull Shoals. Deep lake trolling during the hot Missouri summer is usually the best way to take fish.

Trolling is an important aspect of fresh water fishing in North Carolina. In eastern waters there is year-round trolling for striped bass. This is not for the migrants of the Atlantic coast, but for the resident population which remains in brackish and fresh waters the year 'round. Trolling continues during their spawning run up the Roanoke River. With the exception of Chesapeake Bay, one of the largest concentrations of this species may be found at Weldon, N. C. about April 1st.

Trolling for black bass is good in

power reservoirs in the Catawba and Yadkin river systems, and the TVA reservoirs in the western part of the state. In western lakes where walleyed pike are found, trolling takes 'em.

One unexploited aspect of sport fishing is trolling for rainbow trout in two of the western reservoirs. In the power reservoirs there is no closed season on trout, and ultra-light tackle is not advisable.

Louis S. Clapper, Public Relations Officer from the State Game and Fish Commission of Tennessee, fills in:

"I would estimate that of fishing from boats, which is the principal method, more than half is trolling. More game fish probably are caught in Tennessee by trolling than by any other method. When the TVA and Army engineers created the 'Great Lakes of the South' and the 500,000 acres of water, they skinned the impoundment areas. All small vegetation was removed and trees were cut down to stumps. This resulted in waters free of obstacles. Only those stumps and rocks hinder fishermen who wish to troll.

"Largemouths, smallmouths, Kentucky bass, rock bass, white (or striped) bass, walleyes, sauger and crappie all are caught by trolling methods. At Dale Hollow Lake, where the walleyes often come in 15 and 16-pound weights, anglers troll up to 200 yards with wire

or wire-filled line. This, in fact, is about the only method by which the national championship walleyes are taken at Dale Hollow."

Always helpful, Clayton B. Seagars, Director of Conservation Education of New York State, breaks his state into trolling territories for us.

"*Muskellunge*. Chautauqua Lake and the St. Lawrence in the Thousand Islands region and east beyond Ogdensburg. Very large spoons and wired suckers are most popular.

"*Great Northern Pike*. Sacandaga Reservoir, many of the larger Adirondack lakes and Lake Champlain.

"*Bass* (both largemouth and smallmouth). Saranac; Lake Champlain, especially the northern part; the Finger Lakes, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence.

"*Lake Trout*. Many Adirondack lakes from Lake George north, the Finger Lakes (particularly Seneca and Keuka).

"*Rainbow Trout*. Seneca and Keuka in the Finger Lakes, using surface streamers and wobblers in the early spring and Seth Green rigs later.

"*Walleyed Pike*. Oneida Lake and northern Lake Champlain, using spoons and minnows."

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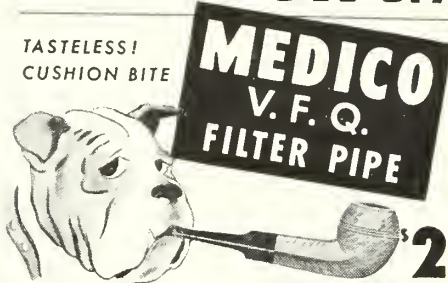
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Most successful Alabama trollers use a slow rate of speed with a river runt or some small deep running lure followed by a small spoon, Colorado spinner or barracuda on about two feet of leader.

There are miles of good trolling on the Tennessee River in north Alabama as a result of TVA lakes on the Tennessee and its tributaries.

Arizona has varied fishing conditions. In lakes such as Lake Mead (which it shares with Nevada), where largemouth bass seek a depth of from 30 to 70 feet, a special technique in trolling is accomplished by using hell divers, Paul Bunyan or lures of similar type. Trolling is begun by a long cast of 50 feet or more and the lure is allowed to sink until the line is in a vertical position. Letting out a fairly short amount of additional line and drifting with the wind will usually keep the lure at sufficient depth.

Lyle M. Thorpe, Supervisor of the Fisheries Management of Connecticut, is encouraging:

"Rainbow trout are most often taken by trolling in lakes, Wononscoponuc Lake, Salisbury; East Twin Lake, Salisbury; West Hill Lake, New Hartford; Compensating Reservoir, Barkhamsted; Cream Hill Pond, Cornwall; Crystal Lake, Ellington; and the Quassapaug Lake, Woodbury, are well suited for trolling for rainbows.

"Lake trout are taken from Lake Wononscoponuc and East Twin. Trolling with fly and spinner is a successful way of taking smallmouth bass. Waramaug Lake, New Preston; Candlewood Lake north of Danbury; Gardner Lake, Salem; Waungumbaug Lake, Coventry and Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton are best suited for this type of fishing. Yellow perch, white perch and calico bass are readily taken by short-line trolling with fly and spinner combina-

tions. Most anglers do not seem to know the possibilities of this method. Pickerel which are widely distributed in Connecticut can be taken by trolling where weeds are not thick."

There are thousands of lakes in Wisconsin where trolling for muskellunge and northern pike may be carried on providing such trolling is not done by the use of an outboard motor or other means of propulsion than paddle or oars. This regulation applies to inland waters only, and in certain sections of the Mississippi River and in the Great Lakes trolling may be done with the use of an outboard motor or launch.

The use of outboard motors and small boats is on the increase in Florida, but a good deal of Florida fishing is still the deep sea, charter boat type of fishing. Much of this is trolling, and a guide who knows the waters and the method helps get the big ones. Captain Jimmy Albright, member of Keys Memorial Legion Post, who operates between Key Largo and Key West in the upper Mattecumbe region, is one of the best. He specializes in shallow water bonefish and tarpon fishing, in addition to trolling.

Freshwater trolling is popular in Florida's central and southern lakes, which seem to be weedless. A deep running plug turns the trick.

Georgia boasts 24,000 lakes and ponds. When the fish are deep, anglers use deep-running plugs such as the bomber. Most of them troll with medium running plugs. Some of the outstanding bait used are the trix-o-reno, reefer, Paul Bunyan 66, L. & S. bass masters and the usual assortment of live bait.

This is just a sampling of trolling's possibilities. A boat load of information will cost a three-cent stamp, five minutes of your time and a walk to the post office.

If you want to catch a fish as big as a lie, try trolling.

THE END

A Friend of Lefty's

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town. For a fact, Lefty's got the livest fast ball I ever caught."

Lefty grinned at me with sheepish pride and somehow I pulled myself out of the fog. "I've been wanting to meet you, Kennie. Lefty says you're pretty good yourself."

I was despising myself more with every passing moment because I couldn't banish from my mind the picture that was there, of Appleton on his scouting trip to our house that afternoon, and how his first impression of the Dowd household would be dutifully turned over to the vital Brooklawn Membership Committee. It kept

flashing through that mind of mine with the intensity of a dentist's drill on the nerve-center of a tooth.

The three of us talked. We talked so long that the diamond grew completely deserted and still I kept the conversational ball rolling. Kennie more than lived up to Lefty's advance billing. I never had seen a pal of his who was such an impressive kid. Yet it didn't really take 20 minutes of talk for me to find that out. I knew that I was stalling for time to make my decision, stalling off the moment when I'd either ask Kennie to come home with us, or let Kennie go on his way. And finally

it was Kennie, not I, who made the move that inevitably had to be made.

He pushed his catcher's mitt up under his armpit and said, "Hope you can get down next Saturday, Mr. Dowd. We play our first real game and I think the coach will use Lefty because it's a team loaded with lefthanded hitters."

"I'll be here, don't worry," I said. Kennie turned to go and I knew it was now or never on the invitation. Lefty's eyes searched me, hopefully. I wanted badly to call Kennie back, but something would not let me—something had me wound up tighter than the cork center in a baseball. All I came out with was: "Could we drop you off, Kennie?"

"No thanks, Mr. Dowd," he called back, grinning cheerfully. "I have to see a fellow and anyway I live in a dif-

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ferent direction from the way you go. But I have to see this fellow."

I took a long look at his retreating back and I began to wonder seriously what kind of a guy I really was, after all. I'd always had a pretty good relationship with myself, but these days it was getting strained. Lefty sat beside me in silence as we drove off and I said, "He's a great boy, I can see that. If he's half as good a ballplayer—"

"He's our best," Lefty said. "He's our take-charge guy. He'll be our captain when we elect, because nobody on the squad wants anybody else for captain."

It suddenly hit me, as he spoke, exactly why he'd never mentioned the fact of Kennie's being a Negro: it simply had no importance to him, just as it obviously had no importance to any of the kids on this team. The Legion got them together when they were still too young to judge the other guy by anything except honest standards—he was a good guy, or not; he was a good ballplayer, or not; he was a leader, or not. It was as simple as that. Race, creed and all that had no place in these teams. Somehow or other, I had a conviction that Lefty would never face the job of stamping something from his mind that

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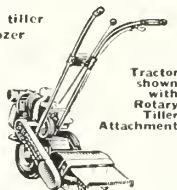
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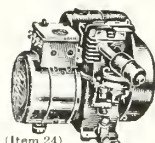
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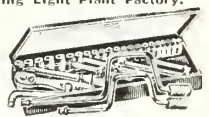
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I, quite obviously, still had to stamp from mine. Lefty would never worry about an Appleton.

And I certainly did nothing to stamp anything from my mind when we got home. At least, not right away. Kitty was making sandwiches in the kitchen as we walked in and she said, "Well, how did it go today, Schanz?"

"Okay," Lefty said, which was the tip-off that he was deep in thought, because usually he gave us a blow-by-blow account of a session.

Kitty glanced at him wonderingly and said, "I thought you might be bringing your friend back. I made extra sandwiches."

She looked my way as she finished. I



"What are you doing here, Henderson? Get right back to the office with those pencils!"

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started to say something but Lefty beat me to it in a sort of blurt. "Kennie had to go to see a fellow," he said.

"Well I want to meet him, don't forget," Kitty said, and I walked into the living room. I couldn't think what to say and I was getting a little frightened about just how far downhill I was going to let myself run in this business. Lefty had covered for me. And I had let him cover. Lefty knew perfectly well that Kennie hadn't come home with us because Kennie hadn't been asked.

And as I'd walked out of the kitchen I'd been terribly aware of a telltale warmth in the back of my neck. I had seen Lefty's boyishly penetrating glance and knew there was a slight flush on my face. So the seed of suspicion was planted in Lefty's mind surely, now, and as I stood alone in the living room staring blankly out the window, I realized with a tiny shock that this new fear of what people would think was no longer a minor matter. It had snowballed so fast that, already, it had reached the point where my son's respect actually hinged on it. I had to break this thing that bound me, and break it fast, or I'd be lost.

I turned and walked back into the kitchen. I didn't look at Lefty as I said, "Kit, I didn't get around to inviting Kennie today. I thought I'd ask you and Lefty both—wouldn't it be more fun all around if we had him over when we planned ahead, planned for something like a cook-out in the yard? I mean, make a real party of it."

Lefty almost yelled it when he said: "When, dad?"

"How about next Saturday? We can probably be celebrating your first win of the season by then."

"That's sharp," Lefty said. "We could broil hamburgers and stuff."

"Hamburgers my eye," I said. "Steak. The thick kind."

They were both looking at me in a way that made me glow as I went to the icebox and reached for the beer. "How about a short one, Kitty?" I said.

"What are we—pygmies?" Kitty said, so I brought two out and we both drank them from the can and it tasted wonderful.

That next Saturday, not more than ten minutes before I shoved off for the ball game, the telephone rang. Kitty was visiting next door and Lefty, of course, had gone to the ball field hours before. As soon as I heard the voice at the other end, I felt a quick sense of dread at what would be coming.

It was Charlie Preston, the big boss from the home office, the man who'd promoted me to this new job. He was calling from a hotel downtown where he'd arrived the night before. He had decided that I needed a hand getting set up. And he'd personally come 500 miles to lend it.

"Anything wrong, Charlie?" I asked.

"No, not really. I mean, we expected sales to tail off around here for a while, until you got your feet on the ground. But I know people in this town from years back, Tom, where you just came in cold. Bob Appleton, for instance. I knew him at college. You're not in that club of his yet, are you?"

"Brooklawn? Oh, that's just a matter of time."

"Sure, but we simply haven't got time to bide. And 50 percent of our business in this area comes directly or indirectly through that club membership. Now, Bob Appleton I know how to handle. He's on his way down here now, to pick me up. I made a date with him, and his wife, for dinner tonight. We can sew it up then, Tom."

"But Charlie—I had some plans. A cook-out here for—"

"That's great! I invited the Appletons to have dinner, they didn't invite me. So if I can invite them to your house, Tom—you know how important this is."

"Well, if you put it that way—"

"And when he picks me up now, we'll drive by your place and that way you can be the one to extend the invitation to us. Make it more casual."

"But I won't be here, Charlie. I was about to leave to see a ball game. My son is in it, he's pitching his first game for his new team, and I've got to be there."

"Well, naturally. But that fits in even better. Appleton's an old ball fan, so tell me where the park is and where you'll be sitting."

I told him but when I hung up I felt slightly sick at the thought of Charlie Preston and Appleton being around when I had to explain, after the game, why Kennie's get-acquainted party would have to be postponed. Because, of course, I could not mix that up with this Preston-Appleton-Brooklawn deal. As I left the house I didn't quite see how I'd handle the thing, but handle it I would have to, come the final out in the ninth.

When I reached the park the game was almost ready to begin. Lefty was finishing his warm-up back of third base, with Kennie Willard catching him. I took a seat directly behind third, where I'd told Charlie Preston he could find me.

Kennie had really said it when he'd said that Lefty had a live fast ball. Since the year before, it had come a long way. The kid started to pour it in there, not using much else except a few change-ups and a very few curves, for the first couple of innings. And, outside of a bloop single and an error by his shortstop, nobody even saw first until the fifth inning.

But he was not taking enough time between pitches, at first. Kennie kept walking out to the mound, talking to him, and pretty soon he had Lefty so slowed down it looked as though he really counted ten between throws. They were a real team, those two kids. You could sense the bond between them as you watched.

Lefty had to be awfully good today, though. His own team could not get him a run. They got men on, but they could not push them around the bases. It was amazing for a sandlot game—air-tight pitching, clean fielding in the clutch spots, and a scoreless ball game going into the seventh.

That was just when I was beginning to hope that maybe Appleton had put Charlie off on the game. But as Lefty's team went out on the field for that seventh, I saw Charlie and Appleton coming along the front of the rickety bleachers and I stood up and waved to them. They threaded their way up the planks to the gap beside me and as they sat down, Appleton said: "From the looks of that scoreboard, this is really a ball game."

I nodded, but Lefty was making his first pitch, so we all watched in silence. And it was right then, in the top of that seventh, that the break of the ball game came. The trouble was, it came against Lefty.

He struck out the first man, but walked the second. Then, the next kid looped one close to the foul line in right. It should have been caught. Lefty's fielder got a glove on it, stumbled, and the ball squirted out. The runner, almost at second then, kept going faster than a trout, and came all the way in with the run that put Lefty behind, 1 to 0.

The whole infield moved toward the mound to talk to Lefty, but it was Kennie Willard who did the talking. The others did the listening and the nodding. And then, in an angry burst of speed, Lefty fanned the next two hitters, to choke off the rally. But the damage had been done. That one run stood up through the seventh and the eighth and it was still as solid as a steel girder when Lefty's team came in for their last wallops in the bottom of the ninth.

On the bench there was a cluster, and the cluster was around Kennie, as he took off his tools. Appleton turned to me and said, "That catcher has the makings. I watch that part of the game more than the rest because I did some catching myself."

"Pro?" I asked, surprised.

"Harvard," Appleton said.

It would be Harvard, I thought.

The first man up for Lefty's team was the seventh hitter in the order. He belted one on the nose but it went straight into the hands of the center-fielder. Then Kennie Willard stepped in and the whole bench started yelling. You could tell, just by watching him step into the box and take his loose, easy stance that here was a hitter.

He already had a single and a double. He batted right-handed and the outfield quickly move like a cautious rifle platoon toward left, knowing he could pull a ball. They were stepping gingerly around out there, as though the outfield sod concealed a fine network of land mines. But—they were leaving quite a gap open in right.

The pitcher played it smart. He threw outside, so Kennie couldn't pull it well. But Kennie didn't let his natural power give him a one-track mind. He hit with the pitch, just pushing his bat out. The ball bloomed on a lazy line into that hole in right.

"The kid's a pro," Appleton said, and I nodded.

That brought Lefty up and they let him hit for himself. It didn't surprise me. At first he'd had designs on being an outfielder because he really could hit. And this pitcher was right-handed,

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where Lefty swung as he pitched, from the left.

He got ahead on the count, 2-0 and then waited it out when the pitcher finally missed after he'd fouled off a three-two pitch. That put men on first and second.

The lead-off man was played to hit away but he dumped a bunt down the line. He dumped it too hard, even for the deep-playing third baseman to miss. He was out at first but Kennie moved to third, Lefty to second.

Now the crowd was on its feet, and so were we. Kennie took a daringly long lead off third, racing back and



"You mean you're all going to disregard my intuition?"

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forth, and making the pitcher look annoyed. This pay-off hitter was a little kid who Lefty said could really place them. It looked, after two wide pitches, as though he'd be purposely walked to set up the force at any base. But the threat of the long ball-hitter who followed probably caused the kid on the mound to come in with the third one, and the hit sign was on.

Because he swung. The ball went dead for the shortstop but took a skid over his head, and shot into left-center. It was a hit that was a gift from a pebble, maybe, but a hit. And this could be the ball game.

I saw Kennie, turning as he ran, make a high-in-the-air fist motion toward Lefty. I knew what it meant. It was a play Lefty had told me about, one that only Kennie had ever used. So I knew what was coming and I shuddered a little. Kennie was out to win this one but he was risking a few of his bones to do it.

Because this was what Lefty called the take-out play. On such a short hit

to left the runner from second could hardly hope to beat the throw. But when a run meant the game, as this one would, Kennie's fist motion told Lefty that he'd take the catcher out. It was as legal and fair a play as a taxi-meter, but the runner on third had quite a brunt to bear. Now Kennie set out to bear it.

He merely jogged toward the plate, yelling, "Come on, Lefty! Come on, boy!"

Lefty streaked around third and came on. As Kennie neared the plate, he slowed his stride even more. The ball was coming in from left on a clothes-line, and it was beating Lefty there. Which was to be expected.

But Kennie had set the stage. He'd almost synchronized his arrival with Lefty's. He left his feet in one final plunge, and crashed into the catcher just before the ball hit the mitt. The catcher toppled. Kennie rolled on the ground. Lefty crossed, standing up, with the winning run.

Over the crowd's roar, somebody shouted in my ear: "The take-out play! That boy pulled it! My play!"

It was Appleton, but I didn't reply because I was watching Kennie. He limped badly, going toward the bench and I said, "He's hurt. I've got to go over there and see how badly."

"Follow me," Appleton said. "I want to, too."

I started down the bleacher planks behind him, and puffing Charlie Preston made a poor third as we reached the ring of kids who surrounded Kennie, partly out of curiosity, partly because of their concern.

"First," Appleton said, turning to me, "we'll get him to a doctor for an examination—my car's right back of the plate. Then, if he's all right, I wish you'd try to get him to come to that cook-out Charlie said you planned for tonight. Because I'm dying to tell him about the time Harvard beat Yale with that same take-out play."

"I already have," I said. "He's coming."

"Because," Appleton said, very proudly, "I was the Kennie Willard that time."

We were still trying to push our way through the crowd around Kennie as Charlie Preston said to me, on the side: "Plan to get the checkbook out tonight, Tom. Appleton wants your membership dues paid. The committee voted last night. But listen—who is this Kennie Willard, anyway?"

"A real good friend of Lefty's," I said, feeling the way I remembered feeling as I used to lie in the shade of that old maple walnut tree or whatever type tree it was that we had in our yard back on Mullins Street. It was good to be that way.

THE END

What's Coming To Your Movie House?

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pics the screen will be difficult. As some one has said, "it will be fine for Marilyn Monroe lying down, but what will they do with Gary Cooper standing up?" Actually, we see a grand opportunity for dual production, whereby both Cinerama camera and standard Technicolor cameras will shoot the same picture, simultaneously. Cinerama will go into its own theaters, the standard version will take the usual course, and there won't be much competition between the two, if any. Imagine, *Stage Coach* or *Winchester 73* or *Bend of the River* in Cinerama—or such western epics as *Red River* or *Cimarron* with broad scope for the teeming cattle of the plains, the riding cowboys, the marauding Indians, the oncoming United States Cavalry—on a screen as big as our frontier! Such dual production would add about 50 percent to normal negative cost, or in other words, Cinerama would get a picture for half again what it cost the other partner in the enterprise. Or there may be stage plays, and that we fear, because few stage plays, unless they are re-enacted in natural settings, are worth the justification they would get in Cinerama.

The other "3D" novelty is Natural Vision, done with glasses worn in the theatre. Years ago, the industry had some novelty short films, in which the audience wore red and green glasses, and obtained a stereoscopic effect. That novelty wore off with audience fatigue, and the result was hardly worth it. The picture was projected on standard film in which red and green images alternated, and persistence of vision, plus the glasses, produced the effect of seeing two things at once. The new Natural Vision carries this improvement. The glasses are "Polaroid" and have no color, but the two eyes see two differently-slanted polarized images, which are superimposed on the screen by using both projectors simultaneously. Every theater has two projectors, and for Natural Vision, these are locked together through synchronized motors to project two films at identical speed. The separation of a few feet in the booth roughly corresponds with the distance between two normal eyes, on the same principle as Grandpa's Stereoscope pictures of the Chicago World Fair of 1893. It's even a shade better than it was then, but the idea is the same, and Grandpa would appreciate the similarity.

Without the Polaroid glasses (which cost ten cents a pair, to supply to an audience) the picture on the screen looks a little like television on a b-a-d night. But when you put the glasses on things become different. Look around

you at the people in the audience and they look like blobs in a pea-soup fog. Look at the screen and the picture leaps at you! That scream from the audience was caused by a lady who thought she had a lion in her lap! The initial film for Natural Vision is called *Bwana Devil* and it's a test film too, of a nature, only this is Africa and animals in the jungle. Somewhat more coherent than Cinerama, but far from being a production that is worthy of a new technical process to revolutionize motion pictures.

The answer is neither Cinerama nor Natural Vision will revolutionize motion pictures. Film industry is reaching for new things, but the people along Main Street will be seeing standard films, and good ones, too, for a long while to come. There are more fine films coming up than ever before in film history. And you'll see Cinerama when you visit big cities, or Natural Vision in some theaters, sometimes—when the films are available. The Natural Vision process costs vastly less than Cinerama. Something less than \$1000 to re-equip an average theater, while production may go 50 percent higher than standard black-and-white film. New production would prove how good this could, or might be, depending on the sources.

The terrific box-office for Natural Vision in Hollywood has thrown the studios into a panic. All of them are "researching" three-dimensional processes they've known for years. Production has been suddenly stopped on some Hollywood stages, and resumed with "3-D" in the cameras. Polaroid is not limited to any one company, and the demand for it is twenty times greater than ever before. Polaroid stock is up 8 points in the market. Every company announces some form of three-dimensional production for 1953.

Actually, they're dusting off the dictionaries, trying to coin new words for "three-dimensional." Universal announces a "secre" process, but perhaps they haven't found a good trade name for it.

Twentieth Century-Fox, which has a large-screen French process called "Anamorphoscope," suddenly announced that all its productions would be photographed in "Cinemascope"—which will result in a picture two-and-half times the width of the normal theater screen, comparable, in that sense, to Cinerama. The first picture to be ready will be *The Robe* and it will be followed quickly by ten others.

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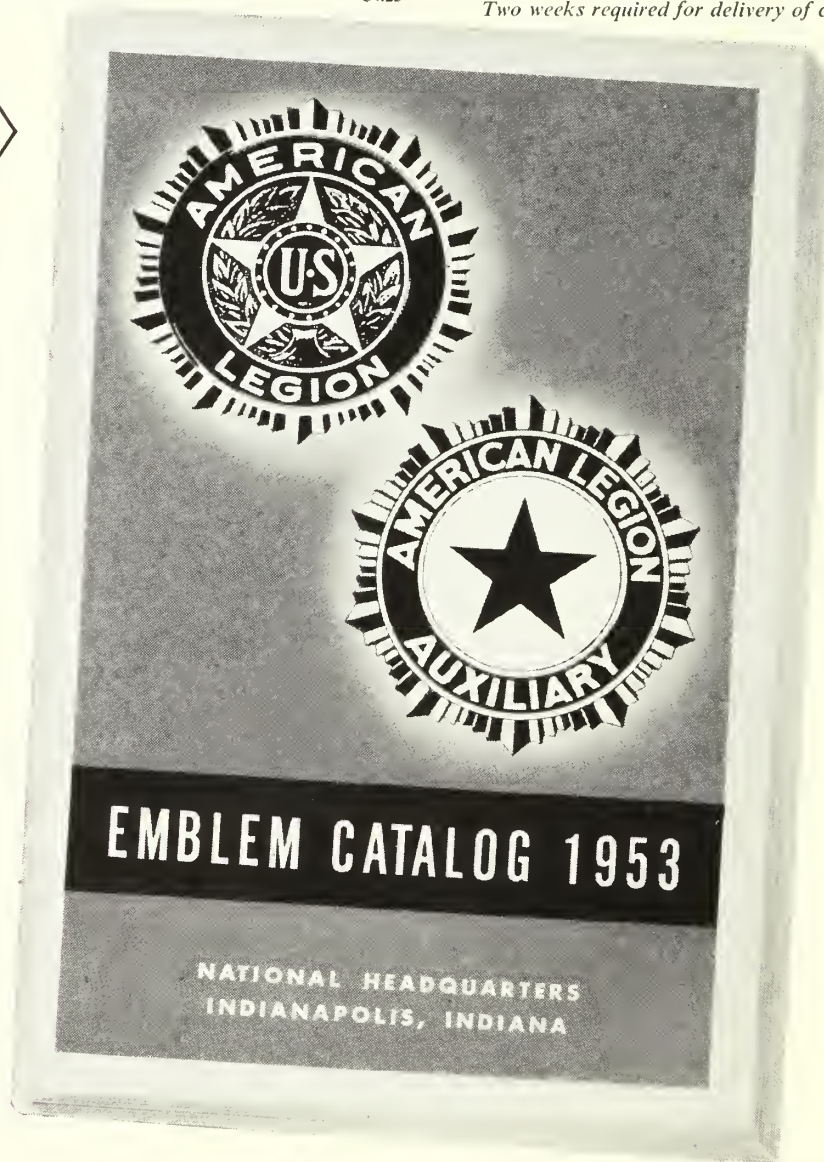
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or extra operators. A condensing lens on the camera crowds the wide picture into the usual film width, then an expanding lens on the projector spreads it out again, to the width which results in "peripheral vision" — but it's not stereoscopic, nor three-dimensional, except in effect, as an optical illusion. Who knows, it may work!

United Artists announced they would buy *Bwana Devil* for \$500,000 outright, but the original producer had 40 partners, and while native runners were combing the Hollywood hills for these proxies, the price went up. United Artists will still get the picture, but the \$500,000 is just a down payment against a percentage on a figure which will run into millions. It's a real gold rush.

"Tri-Opticon" opens on Broadway in opposition to Cinerama, and the press

agent says, "Its perfection lies in a mechanical calculator which correlates the many variable factors and comes up with a mathematically and optically precise reading which translates into positioning for the cameras." MGM will do *Arena* — a rodeo story, while Warner's announces *The Wax Works*. Paramount is doing *Sangaree* and Sol Lesser announces a 30-minute film featuring Lili St. Cyr. (If you know Lili like we know Lili, you'll know she's a four-dimensional strip-teaser.)

The whole matter of three-dimensional movies simmers down to the difference the movie-conscious little girl found when she was taken to the so-called legitimate theater to see a stage play, for the first time in her life. She remarked that she "liked round actors better than flat actors." That about sums it up. THE END

We Can Cure Drug Addicts

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that enters along our borders and cuts across state lines.

"The states would or should be able to support the important post-custodial phases of treatment," Attorney General Goldstein says. "Following my investigation, New York drastically tightened its laws against narcotic peddlers, set up new procedures for criminal addicts and launched the promising test program for adolescent treatment. But the state cannot carry on alone.

"The teen-age addict represents a horrifying challenge to the entire nation. However, the states can hope to deal with them because of their comparatively smaller number. It is, furthermore, desirable to confine youngsters near their home so that their families can visit them frequently. These factors do not hold in the case of adults, and if anything is to be done about the latter, the Federal Government must undertake a major role."

That some broad program is desirable cannot be questioned. Statistics on drug addiction have never been adequate, but those which are available and valid — certainly minimal figures — show that the number of cases increased steadily since the end of World War II and is now at an all-time high for the United States.

An addict does not represent simply the loss of one person to himself or society. Modern studies have demonstrated repeatedly that drug addiction has two dangerous social consequences beyond the destruction of the individual victim. It is contagious and it fathers crime.

Addicts eagerly undertake the role of Judas goats, leading other psychologically susceptible persons into the dread habit. Sometimes it is because of

an inner drive to share their weakness; more often because they are rewarded in cash or desperately needed narcotics.

The venture into overt crime is virtually inevitable for all but the occasional addict of considerable wealth. Drugs are costly, and the more used, the more needed.

Despite these well-recognized dangers, few adult addicts are brought to early and successful treatment unless they have exceptionally alert and well-financed relatives — or, ironically, until they have committed some overt crime.

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As criminals they are confined to routine prisons. They are physically withdrawn from drugs. When released from prison, they are more than likely to resume the use of drugs.

More than half the states have laws relating in one way or another to the commitment of addicts as such, but in actual practice lack of facilities and the lack of a program of treatment make these laws of little value.

Even if the prison treatment of addicts were effective and executed with a program of follow-up care, it makes little civic sense to wait until an addict becomes a criminal to cure him. In doing so, the public would seem to be encouraging the spread of addiction and the certainty of crime. THE END

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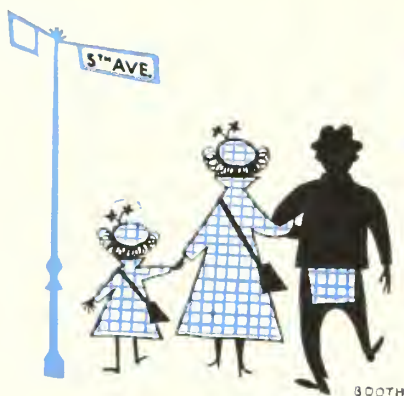
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RIGHT OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE

The wife was trying to get her husband to purchase a new automobile, but he didn't seem to like the idea.

"What?" he roared. "Me buy a new car? Do you think automobiles grow on trees?"

"Of course not, silly," replied his wife calmly. "Everyone knows they come from plants."

— F. G. KERNAN

SOUR NOTE

The fact that the traffic cop whistles at his work doesn't seem to make him good-natured.

— U. F. NEWLIN

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

A doctor had been extremely overworked and finally he found enough time to get home early one evening and get some sleep. It seemed as though he had just put his head down on the pillow when the telephone on the night table rang sharply. Waking up with a groan, he picked up the receiver.

Parting Shots

"Hello," he mumbled. "What do you want?"

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TAKING A STANCE

Many times, as soon as the bride is carried over the threshold, she puts her foot down.

— DAVE CASTLE

HANDY MEN

In Rome they are talking about a pick-pocket with three hands. In a bus one hand held on to the strap overhead. The second hand was draped around the man's

hip. The third hand went through the pockets of unsuspecting fellow passengers. The second hand, the one on the hip, was a decoy, made of rubber.

Now they have a report from Madrid about a Spanish Fagin with four hands. This inventive gent would sit in a pew of a church, two of his hands (the rubber ones) piously folded in his lap, while his real hands rifled the pockets of the devout sitting to his left and his right.

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"Blimy if 'e ain't as thin as a ramrod," the sergeant complained. "Wot can 'e do here?"

"Let him clean the rifles," the lieutenant suggested.

"Clean the rifles!" shrilled the sergeant. "And 'oo's a-goin' to pull 'im through?"

— ADRIAN ANDERSON

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A debtor is a man who owes money; a creditor is one who thinks he's going to get it.

— FRANCIS GERARD

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— SIDNEY BRODY

THE BARE FACTS

"What would you say," asked the Eskimo lad, "if I told you that I had travelled a thousand miles through snow and ice with my dog team just to see you?"

"I'd say," replied the Eskimo girl, "that was a lot of mush."

— T. J. MCINERNEY

LADY ON A HORSE

Lady Godiva put everything she had on a horse. She didn't win, but she sure did show.

— DON TANNER

WELL-LEARNED LESSON

"What did mama's little boy learn in school today?" simpered a lady at her offspring.

"I learned two boys," responded Junior, "not to call me 'mama's little boy'."

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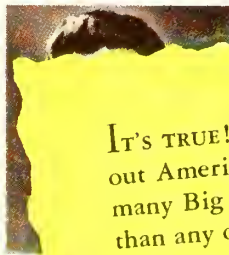
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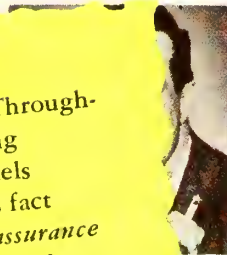
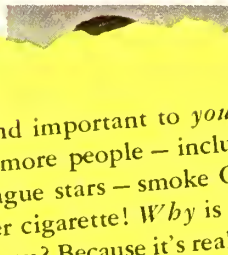
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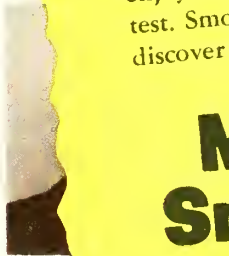
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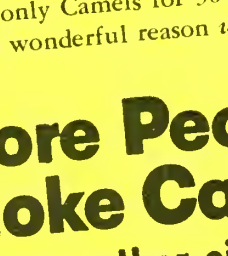
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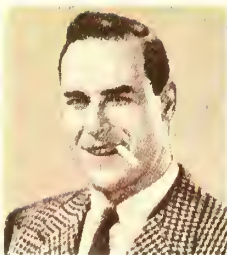
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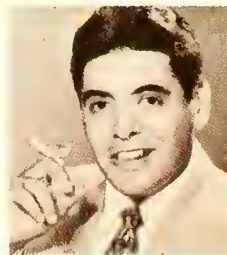
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